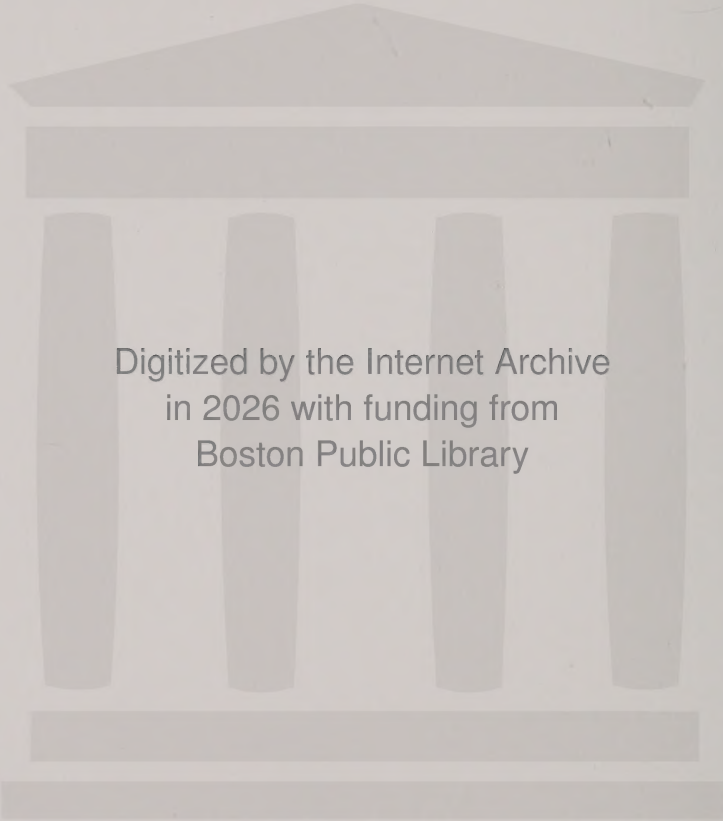


TOWN REPORT

1977



NORTHFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS



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TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

The Northfield Trinitarian Congregational Church was destroyed by fire on January 21st, 1978. By the time the fire was discovered, the flames had spread so rapidly that there was no chance to save anything.

The Church was built in 1888, with a sanctuary seating twelve hundred, in order to accommodate the crowds that came to hear Mr. Moody preach. The members of the building committee were Edward Barber, S. C. Holton, and Ira D. Sankey. The architect was G. F. Rivinius, and the contractor was H. N. F. Marshall, Treasurer of the Northfield School, who also built the Northfield Inn and the Talcott Library. The cost was \$24,900. Mrs. A. M. D. Alexander gave the land, and the Catholic men cut and hauled the stone for the foundation.

In 1963 a new wing was added, with a Fellowship Hall on the main floor and nursery rooms underneath. In the following years the old building was completely renovated, with new pews, wall to wall carpeting, new chandeliers, and new rest rooms. The ground floor was remodeled to provide Sunday School rooms, a pastor's study, and a new kitchen. New furnishings and equipment were added, including a grand piano.

Dr. Carl C. Compton

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Douglas A. Jones
St. Mary's Street, Northfield, Mass.

ANNUAL REPORTS

of

OFFICERS and COMMITTEES

of the Town of

NORTHFIELD

MASSACHUSETTS



For the year ending

December 31, 1977

TOWN OFFICERS
May 1977 to May 1978

MODERATOR

George M. Leonard	Term expires May 1979
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TOWN CLERK

Horace F. Field	Term expires May 1978
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SELECTMEN

Edward I. Metcalf, Chairman	Term expires May 1979
Fernand A. Caron	Term expires May 1978
Carolyn B. Parenteau	Term expires May 1980

ASSESSORS

Donald C. Henderson, Jr., Chairman	Term expires May 1980
William G. Roberts	Term expires May 1979
Warren E. Whitney, Clerk	Term expires May 1978

TAX COLLECTOR

Gordon W. Leavis	Term expires May 1978
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TREASURER

Grace T. Young	Term expires May 1979
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mary E. Llewelyn, Chairman	Term expires May 1979
Chadwick T. Glover	Term expires May 1979
Walter F. Asseng	Term expires May 1978
Rebecca J. Fowler	Term expires May 1978
Patricia E. Shearer	Term expires May 1980

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

John H. Thayer	Term expires May 1978
Warren W. Blake	Term expires May 1979

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Richard A. Giles, Chairman	Term expires May 1979
Desmond S. Chambers	Term expires May 1979
Margaret Lloyd Jones	Term expires May 1978
Jon McGowan	Term expires May 1978
Mary E. Metcalf	Term expires May 1980
Susan P. Roszkowski	Term expires May 1980

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Richard H. Bassett	Term expires May 1978
Roger E. Bassett	Term expires May 1979
Horace F. Field	Term expires May 1980

TREE WARDEN

Richard H. Bassett	Term expires May 1979
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CONSTABLES

Joseph G. Morgan	Term expires May 1980
Joseph J. DeMaria	Term expires May 1980
William J. Young	Term expires May 1980
James B. O'Shea	Term expires May 1980

PLANNING BOARD

Richard G. Parsons, Chairman	Term expires May 1981
John A. Hogan	Term expires May 1980
Helen S. Monroe	Term expires May 1979
Arthur E. Knapp (Resigned)	Term expires May 1978
Harold A. Newton	Term expires May 1982

BOARD OF HEALTH

John F. Ladd, Chairman	Term expires May 1980
John F. Jurkowski	Term expires May 1979
Margaret M. Craig	Term expires May 1978

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Allen M. Sibley, Chairman	Term expires May 1979
Edward L. Fortier	Term expires May 1978
Herbert H. Maynard	Term expires May 1980

RECREATION COMMISSION

William R. Giles, Chairman	Term expires May 1978
Frank R. Foster, III	Term expires May 1978
Margaret L. Zabko	Term expires May 1978
Samuel A. Richardson	Term expires May 1979
Edith G. Waaser	Term expires May 1979
Mary L. Field	Term expires May 1980
Raymond A. Tillson	Term expires May 1980

APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Robert P. Johnston, Chairman	Term expires July 1979
Stanley J. Powers	Term expires July 1978
Paul M. Mayberry	Term expires July 1978
Dwight P. Stearns (Resigned)	Term expires July 1979
Stanley T. Wickey (Appointed)	
Reynold N. Henry	Term expires July 1980
Phyllis J. Derigon	Term expires July 1980

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Marian A. Holbrook	Term expires July 1979
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APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Gilbert S. Hammond	Term expires May 1978
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HEALTH INSPECTOR

Eugene L. Miller	Term expires May 1978
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PLUMBING INSPECTORS

Frederick D. MacNeill	Everon P. Pollen
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APPOINTMENTS BY SELECTMEN for 1978

ACCOUNTANT

Ethel D. Fowler

Term expires July 1978

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Floyd M. Dunnell, III

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

Edward R. Davis (Resigned)

Ernest H. Lawrence (Appointed)

CAPTAIN

David G. Quinn, Sr.

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Edward Davis

Dennis Williams

Ernest Lawrence

CHIEF OF POLICE

Brian J. Scott

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Joseph J. DeMaria

James B. O'Shea

Dwight P. Stearns

Shirley A. Thompson

David A. Miller

Henry C. Hertsch

William J. Young

James Lake, Bernardston

Eugene L. Miller

Chief

David Gendron, Erving

Chief

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

David G. Quinn, Sr.

Harold L. Johnson

David G. Quinn, Jr.

Edward M. Powell, Jr

John D. Ware

Frederick G. Parker

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Henry C. Hertsch

Term expires May 1978

GYPSY MOTH AGENT

Richard H. Bassett

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Thomas J. Russell, Jr.

Rita Medeiros

Robert L. Huber

Dorothy Banash

Edward M. Shea, Jr.

Edward Connors, Jr.

James P. Ryan

Warren E. Whitney

Frank S. Kelley

Ronald H. Laczynski

Domenic J. Ferrante

FIELD DRIVERS AND FENCE VIEWERS

James E. Dresser, Jr.

Fredd M. Fuller

Paul T. Gorzocoski

SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND TIMBER

James E. Dresser

DOG OFFICER

Frances T. Stillman

FOREST WARDEN

Richard H. Bassett

1977-1978 JURY LIST

James C. Allen
Delores R. Avery
Elizabeth L. Bolton
Elsie L. Bordner
Agnes G. Caron
Frederick E. Clough
Sophie H. Fritz
Adrien G. Gallant

Deborah J. Gleason
Virginia E. Leach
George M. Leonard
S. Hope Lippack
Orvil E. Mirtz
William A. Mitchell
Theresa A. Rockwell
Florence A. Thompson

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

John A. Hogan, Chairman
R. Kenneth Leach
Doris S. Balk

Term expires May 1978
Term expires May 1978
Term expires May 1979

ELECTION OFFICERS

James R. Dale
Catherine E. Gilbert (Resigned)
Janet L. Mroczek (Appointed)
Helen M. Greene

Ann P. James
Edward M. Powell, Jr.
Helen M. Stearns

SUBSTITUTE ELECTION OFFICERS

Dolores R. Avery

Mychaeline H. Skinner
Dorena G. Johnson

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

Edward Davis (Resigned)
Gordon E. Derrig (Appointed)

Term expires June 1978

INSPECTOR OF GAS PIPING & GAS APPLIANCES

Frank S. Turner

Term expires Dec. 1978

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Rosa S. Johnston, Chairman
Ann Graves
Alice Kiablick
Grace Randall
Laurence M. Hammond (Resigned)
Terry Hunter (Appointed)
Harold Carroll
Doris S. Balk

Term expires June 1980
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BOARD OF APPEALS

Desmond S. Chambers, Chairman	Term expires Dec. 1980
Stanley Gorzocoski	Term expires Dec. 1979
Evelyn U. True	Term expires Dec. 1978
Robert G. Barnes	Term expires Dec. 1982
Edward C. Bolton	Term expires Dec. 1981
Alvin H. Scott, Associate Member	Term expires Dec. 1978
R. Kenneth Leach, " "	Term expires Dec. 1978
Theodore G. Penick, " "	Term expires Dec. 1978

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

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PLANNING BOARD-BOARD OF APPEALS

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R. Kenneth Leach, " "	Term expires Dec. 1978
Theodore G. Penick, " "	Term expires Dec. 1978

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Irwin M. Severance, Chairman	Term expires May 1978
Harold A. Briesmaster	Term expires May 1979
William A. Knipe (Resigned)	Term expires May 1979
Raymond J. Parenteau (Appointed)	
Elizabeth V. Giles	Term expires May 1979
Michael J. Whiteman (Resigned)	Term expires May 1978
Gilbert Rochon (Appointed)	
Charles Rogers	Term expires May 1978
Sarah Gurvitch	Term expires May 1980

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

"We can only pay our debt to the past by putting the future in debt to ourselves."

People who care about Northfield's future, should pay heed to these words of John Buchan. They describe a perspective essential to the conduct of Town affairs. For despite much erosion of "local controls" in recent years, the eventual welfare of Northfield still remains largely in our own hands. The decisions we make today bear importantly on tomorrow. So, the immediate impact of our actions must be weighed against the far-reaching consequences. Of one thing we can be sure: if we don't manage our own affairs wisely, others are anxious to do it for us.

Events - some tragic, some hopeful - commanded attention during 1977. For the second year in a row, an important physical link with Northfield's past has gone, but positive occurrences help balance the ledger. Many times during this eventful year, the citizens of Northfield have been especially well-served by men in the Volunteer Fire Department, the Police Department, and the Highway Department. And, as usual, many elected and appointed officials have worked countless hours in behalf of the Town with no thought of reward.

So we've had some losses, but our spirit's intact...and hopefully, too, our vision.

The first steps toward creation of a Recreation Area have been taken as part of the CETA brush-cutting operation. We've been helping to pave the way for a permanent county-wide transportation system. We have stepped up our Civil Defense activity, and in the process, acquired valuable capital equipment for Town use. And we have secured the services of a part-time Administrative Assistant for next year (without cost) to provide professionally trained support for elected officials.

Needless to say, much remains to be done. Hard choices remain ahead. But, if our people keep their spirit and vision, we will surely "put the future in debt to ourselves."

Respectfully submitted,

Edward I. Metcalf, Chairman
Fernand A. Caron
Carolyn B. Parenteau

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

During the past year the Highway Department has completed the following projects: Pavement, Berms and Drainage northerly end of Route 142; installed 3,700 feet of sidewalk; culvert extension Gulf Road; Highland Circuit drainage; replace culvert Pine Street; culvert replacement by Linden Hill School; opened 12 existing culverts Warwick Road; and numerous minor drainage problems.

Planned completion of the following projects during calendar year 1978: Drainage Route 142; railroad crossing elevation modification on Route 142; guard rail installation East Northfield Road; bridge replacements on: Four Mile Brook Road and Old Orange Road; culvert replacement Pine Meadow Road; and shoulder oiling on Gulf Road.

The Federally funded brush and tree contract commenced on Oct. 11, 1977 with approximately 20 miles of roadway being cleared of brush and overhanging limbs and trees. Approximately 70 cords of wood have been picked up or delivered to townspeople from requests made to the Board of Selectmen.

The vehicle preventive maintenance program has produced positive dollar savings particularly during winter months. The total snow removal hired equipment costs were less than \$150.00 during the winters of 76-77 and 77-78 combined. The maintenance program extends to all Town-owned vehicles on a monthly cycle, with costs per vehicle charged to the Town Departments concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry C. Hertsch

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT

SEWER COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Another year has passed; we are moving steadily along with our East Street Interceptor Project and would hope to be at the construction stage soon.

Our user fee this year should be very close to last year's. We try to hold down costs as much as possible. Our number of users this year have not changed.

This year in November, 1977, we received notice that our part time operator had to be licensed also, but Al Stone has been going to school and as soon as he has the required hours in for the practical part of the licensing law, he will receive his full license.

The plant is another year older but we are proud of the maintenance program; our equipment causes some problems but considering everything, it is operating well.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen M. Sibley, Chairman

Edward L. Fortier, Clerk

Herbert Maynard

SEWER COMMISSION

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The year 1977 saw a leveling off of calls to the Police Department. However, increases in some categories of criminal acts were noted which indicated an increase over the previous year.

Again, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all members of the community who assisted the Police Department in the past year, and a special thanks is in order for the members of the Department for what I would consider to be an outstanding year on their part.

The members of the Police Department underwent specialized training last year and as a result, they all have Advanced First Aid cards as well as being certified in CPR. This course was given by the owner of the Kidder Ambulance Service, David G. Quinn, Sr., with the assistance of David G. Quinn, Jr.

The following statistics will demonstrate the increasing vulnerability of a small community like ours to breaking and enterings and larcenies of all kinds. The vigilance of the community and its willingness to step forward with much needed information is the greatest single deterrent to crimes of this kind. The citizens of this community must become increasingly aware of their responsibilities to themselves as well as to their neighbors. I strongly urge anyone leaving town to make an effort to let the Police Department know when their home is going to be unattended for longer than a 24-hour period.

Police Activities for the year 1977:

Registration Checks	120	Vandalism	38
Animal Calls	91	Hit & Runs	4
Assault & Battery	2	Accidents	55
Disturbed Persons	13	VIN Checks	10
Citations	85	Miscellaneous	1047
Bad Checks	10	Disturbance Calls	23
Assist Motorist	20	Breaking & Entering	51
Suspicious Persons	25	Burglar Alarms	38
Drug Offenses	5	Family Problems	12
Larceny	39	Radar Stops	120
Missing Persons	4	Assist Other Police	
House Checks	36	Departments	12

Value of Property Stolen:

\$9,878.21

Value of Property Recovered:

\$2,781.46

Respectfully submitted,

Brian J. Scott

CHIEF OF POLICE

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

Last year the Northfield Fire Department responded to a total of 86 calls. This is a 25% increase over the previous year. These calls are itemized as follows:

Structural Fires	6
Electrical Fires	13
Chimney Fires	14
Brush Fires	10
Vehicle Fires	7
Vehicle Accidents	5
Smoke Investigations	7
Arson Investigations	3
Mutual Aid Calls	8
False Alarms	1
Dump Fires	2
Search	1
Chemical Spill	1
Propane Leak	2
Locomotive Fire	1
Miscellaneous Calls	5

The number of chimney fires have increased again this year. More and more townspeople are burning wood and installing wood stoves. Wood burning devices are a safe and economical way of supplementing home heating, ONLY if they are installed and maintained properly. I have helped many people with recommendations for the safe installation of their wood stoves, and will continue to do so.

It was with deep regret that after many years of outstanding service, Edward R. Davis retired from the Department. His work for the Town as Assistant Chief, and his work he did around the station will be missed greatly.

Last year the Town appropriated \$77,000 for the purchase of a new fire truck. The Truck Committee spent numerous hours drawing up specifications for a piece of apparatus best suited for the Town. On October 18, 1977 bids were opened for the new truck. After careful consideration by the Truck Committee and the Selectmen, Maxim Motors of Middleboro, Mass. were awarded the bid. The truck should be delivered around the middle of August.

In Fire Station repairs, the new oil burner was installed by the members and myself. I am sure this should show considerable savings in oil consumption.

I would like to thank the Officers and men of the Department for their support given me as their Chief and the fine job they have done in providing fire protection for the community. I'd also like to thank them for the countless hours spent at the station in meetings, training and work details to provide even better fire protection in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd M. Dunnell, III

FIRE CHIEF

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

There was a total of 167 burning permits issued last year. Last year was the end for open burning between March 15th and April 15th. The burning period has been extended a month and the time of year for open burning has been changed from January 15th to March 15th, and still requires a permit.

As in past years, the last two weeks of the burning period, no permits could be issued due to the dry conditions that existed in our area.

We had a fairly mild brush fire season this year. We did have 10 brush fires, but with quick notification to the Fire Department the total area burned in the Town of Northfield was approximately 5 acres.

I would like to thank my deputy wardens for their assistance through the past year. I'd also like to thank those townspeople for alerting the Fire Department quickly and efficiently when a fire did occur.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd M. Dunnell, III

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY INSPECTOR

Fire drills were conducted in all the public and private schools within the Town.

Also, all public buildings were checked for fire hazards, emergency lighting, fire extinguishers, clear exits and exit lights.

I am glad to report that in addition to those townspeople who are required to install smoke detectors in their new homes, an outstanding number of people are putting them in their existing homes. I have been contacted by quite a few people on the best location for their smoke detector in their home. Many smoke detectors were given as gifts, others were purchased for the safety of the rest of the family. I encourage this practice wholeheartedly. I especially encourage those people who have a wood stove or fireplace, or those thinking of installing one to seriously consider the small price of a detector compared to the protection they provide during the sleeping hours.

Anyone wanting information about smoke detectors, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd M. Dunnell, III

PUBLIC SAFETY INSPECTOR

NORTHFIELD PLANNING BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT -- 1977

1977 saw the completion and distribution of the Northfield Master Plan. Spanning several years, and involving over 200 individuals, this comprehensive plan for future growth was developed and completed at no direct cost to Northfield taxpayers other than the normal Planning Board appropriations.

Provisions for construction and location of multi-family dwellings were proposed and accepted at the Annual Town Meeting, 1977.

The Planning Board continued to monitor the erosion control efforts of Northeast Utilities on the Connecticut River and the continuing land use proposals for Bennett Meadow.

Adoption of Chapter 808 of the General Laws by the Massachusetts Legislature has necessitated review of local zoning by-laws and proposals for changes at the 1978 Town Meeting to bring local regulations into conformity with state standards.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard G. Parsons, Chairman
John A. Hogan
Harold A. Newton
Helen Monroe

NORTHFIELD PLANNING BOARD

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Harvey H. Hatheway, Chairman, resigned early this year because of illness. The Selectmen appointed Desmond S. Chambers, Associate Member, to the Board as Member, and Theodore G. Penick as Associate Member.

The Board conducted 13 separate hearings involving 10 applications for Special Permits (7 granted, 3 denied), three variances (2 granted, 1 denied), and one Appeal (denied).

Respectfully submitted,

Members:

Robert G. Barnes
Edward C. Bolton
Stanley Gorzocoski
Evelyn U. True
Desmond S. Chambers, Chairman

Associate Members:

R. Kenneth Leach
Theodore G. Penick
Alvin H. Scott

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

BUILDING COMMISSION REPORT

For the year Jan. 1, 1977 to Dec. 31, 1977

Building Permits issued - 102

Certificate of Inspection Permits issued - 45

Fees Waived - 16

Demolitions - 8

	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Fees</u>
Certificate of Inspection Permits		\$834.00
New Dwellings	\$269,965.00	281.00
Additions, Alterations & Repairs	48,115.00	190.00
Misc. Sheds, Barns & etc.	38,919.00	188.50
Structures other than buildings (swimming pools)	10,515.00	75.00
Demolitions	---	500.00
Garages, Resident	14,000.00	25.00
Chimneys & Fireplaces Repairs	3,050.00	30.00
Special Business Permits	<u>1,628.00</u>	<u>75.00</u>
Total Costs & Fees	\$386,202.00	\$2,198.50

Property & Permit Inspection - 153

Court Case Appearances - 2

Special Monthly Meetings attended at Shelburne Falls

District #11 - 12

Special Meetings at Town Hall with State & local officials - 4

Inspections made with State Inspector - 3

Regular Saturday & Wednesday Office Hours at Town Hall - 102

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon E. Derrig

BUILDING COMMISSIONER

ANNUAL REPORT NORTHFIELD RECREATION COMMISSION

To the Honorable Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

During the course of the year, the Recreation Commission tried to evaluate its present programs and plan its direction for the future. Some programs which were not well attended were dropped and plans were made for new programs which would involve as many citizens as possible. In doing this we tried to check with other communities of approximately the same size as Northfield. Among ideas suggested were adult education type courses, especially those in the arts and crafts and recreational fields, a road race, clinics on various sports for the young people in town, and more gatherings such as the winter carnival. It was felt that a full time director of recreation would certainly be of great value in providing better recreation for the Town, and the end of the year found us trying to find sources of funding so that the Town would not incur the full expense of such a position.

The summer playground program for first through sixth graders continued to be one of our best attended programs. It was directed by two local girls who were aided by four high school girls from Town. We again offered three weeks of day camp type programing and three weeks of playground programs. During the summer we also continued our very successful swimming lessons, tennis lessons and tennis tournament. We were again able to get tickets for Tanglewood and many residents took advantage of that trip.

During the fall the flag football program for the young men in Town continued as well as exercise classes, open gym with volleyball and basketball, and swimming for the young adults. We also introduced an exercise program for the senior citizens.

During the winter months we tried to remedy our problems of the past year with regard to the ice skating at the Northfield Inn pond. We felt the skating program was much more of a success this year, but not without its problems. We were disappointed in the response of townspeople in supervising the hours when we didn't have someone hired and some problems arose in plowing a road into the pond so that the pond could be plowed. We again, together with the Northfield Tennis Club, sponsored the winter carnival and felt it was a great success with many taking advantage of sleigh rides and snowmobile rides as well as the ever successful Snowball Dance.

We took advantage of the CETA workers that the Town had for tree work and had them clear much of the land behind the Center School in hopes that in the near future this land could be put into use for recreational programs including such things as tennis courts which the Town needs so badly.

We have tried during this year to provide recreational opportunities for all of the people of Northfield and certainly would encourage comments and suggestions from you as to what directions you would like to see the Recreation Commission take in the future.

This year saw the end of service on the commission of Ruth Johnson and Joanne Spencer. We would like to express our thanks to these two for the service they have rendered. At this time we would also like to thank all of those who have volunteered their time and effort in carrying out our programs, the schools for the use of equipment and facilities, the Kiwanis Club for the use of their park, those employees who made the summer program the resounding success that it was, and to the Town officials who helped us carry out our programs.

Respectfully submitted,

William Giles, Chairman
Mary Field
Randy Foster
Sam Richardson
Ray Tillson
Edith Waaser
Margaret Zabko

RECREATION COMMISSION

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1977. This past year, 19 trees had to be removed, being dead or a hazard to the streets or highways. We also trimmed trees of dead wood along some of the streets.

Last spring and fall, 31 trees were planted along our streets. Flowers were planted in front of the Town Hall, Water Fountain, Alexander Hall, V.F.W. Hall, West Northfield Playground flagpole, Fire Station, and on stumps.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Bassett

TREE WARDEN

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

During the year, 44 diseased Elm trees were removed. There were 41 samples taken and sent to the Shade Tree Laboratories for culture. A total of 41 trees were found positive, and they should be removed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the men in my department for their splendid cooperation in helping me carry out the various programs this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Bassett

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

On the average, I received three complaints a day having to do with barking dogs; dogs disturbing garbage or despoiling a neighbor's law; male dogs bothering a female in heat; or dogs pestering livestock.

Efforts to enforce the existing leash laws that require dog owners to restrain their dogs would solve most of these problems.

We now have more than 200 licensed dogs in town, with a good number more that are not licensed.

The town might consider a fine on those dog owners who do not abide by the law and license their dogs. Finding the owners of stray dogs that have no identification or proper license takes up much of the Dog Officer's time. And it is gambling with your dog's life since after 10 days, if an owner is not found, the law states that a stray dog be put down.

The townspeople might also consider using the revenue from dog licenses to support spaying clinics since neutering animals is getting more costly and is sometimes prohibitive.

In total, I picked up 59 dogs, returned or found proper homes for 46. I had 13 dogs put down. Found 14 cats. Three dogs were hit by cars.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances T. Stillman

DOG OFFICER

NORTHFIELD CIVIL DEFENSE

In the past year much time has been devoted to revitalizing the Civil Defense program, procurement of surplus property and training.

There are now thirteen radiological monitor personnel trained to operate radiological survey meters and equipment for any radiation emergency or accident.

A nuclear evacuation plan was completed and mailed to all Northfield residents residing within the five mile radius of the Vernon Nuclear Plant.

As Director, I have completed two seminars and training in Operations and Planning, and for nuclear disasters, both local and national.

All simulated communications exercises were completed as requested by Area 4 Headquarters.

Twelve trips were made to Federal and State agencies to acquire surplus properties. A partial list follows:

1	10-KW Generator	value \$6,000.00
1	Portable Heater	" 2,760.00
3	Metal Lockers	" 150.00
5	Manual Typewriters	" 500.00
1	Electric Typewriter	" 250.00
1	File Cabinet, 4 dr.	" 189.00
1	Electronic Calculator	" 1,100.00
3	Metal Tables (\$150. ea.)	" 450.00
7	Chairs (\$40. ea.)	" 280.00
1	Coat Rack, metal	" 75.00
1	Book Case	" 150.00
1	Desk	" 125.00
	Federal Govt. val.	\$14,789.00

The total dollar cost of properties acquired was \$563.00. All of the above are now placed and being utilized by Town departments.

Respectfully submitted,

David J. Mroczek

DIRECTOR, CIVIL DEFENSE

ANNUAL REPORT
NORTHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

"Historic Main Street", a historical study and planning report on Northfield Main Street, was done under the direction of the Historical Commission. It was co-sponsored by the Franklin County Planning Department and conducted by a team from the Conway School of Landscape Design. Copies of the report are available at the Dickinson Library, Field Library, and the Town Hall for residents to review.

The report urges Northfield residents to recognize the need and to plan NOW for the future of Main Street. It states -

'...A combination of chance, economic, social, and historical events occurred to shield the Town from the decay prevalent in other New England towns. These can no longer protect Northfield from the chaos of slap-dash development. We hope that this report will serve to generate enough respect for the incredible beauty and rarity of Main Street that the people of the Town will dedicate themselves to its continued safekeeping.'

It contains an analysis of the features of the streetscape which contribute to the character of the street and concludes with a summary of issues to be recognized if the street is to be preserved and protected.

For the second year, the Commission acted as liason between the community and the Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, on the Summer Field School Program. This years findings reinforce last years study of the archaeological remains of the occupation of Northfield lands by Native Americans 5,000 to 8,000 years ago.

The Department of Anthropology in cooperation with the local Historical Commission will be applying for National Register for King Philip's Hill on its historical importance and its archaeological evidence.

More than two hundred persons attended three public programs arranged by the Commission; Dr. Dena Dincauze from the University of Massachusetts talked on the archaeological history of the region and cultural remains found in Northfield. Dr. John Worrell gave an account of the archaeological summer school held at Stratton Tavern in Northfield Farms, and Ms. Christine Boulding from the Massachusetts Historical Commission reviewed the steps and criteria for Northfield Main Street to become a National Register site and Historic District.

The major effort of the Commission has been on the detail and application of National Register for Main Street. The Heritage Committee of Northfield Fortnightly have continued its work on the inventory forms for every building on Main Street. These inventory-research forms are the basis for qualification for these historic designations. The National Register designation is national and state recognition of the distinction of Main Street. The honor is bestowed by the National Park Service of

the United States Department of Interior. This designation also carries with it a potential for financial assistance to any owner, if he meets the criteria, for restoration of a property or renovation of a property for new use. It does not carry any design review by a local commission as does the Historic District designation being proposed by a special study committee.

The Historic Commission is pleased to have assistance from the Franklin County Arts Council under its C.E.T.A. funded Franklin County Historic Survey grant. A team of four researchers under the direction of Maarten van de Kamp began in March to conduct an inventory of historically significant off Main Street houses and structures.

The Commission meets on the second Wednesday of the month in the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. All meetings are open and the public is invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa Johnston, Chairman
Doris Balk, Treasurer
Grace Randall, Secretary
Harold Carroll
Ann Graves
Terry Hunter
Alice Kiablick

NORTHFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

REPORT OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

The Selectmen appointed this nine member committee in mid-August, 1977. After review of the alternatives open for the preservation of the character of Main Street, the committee decided the best avenue was the establishment of an Historic District.

The Historic District designation is a design review process. It would insure that no changes would be made to the exterior architectural features of buildings, structures and sites visible from a public way until a design review process takes place, and requires certain standards be met for any new structures. The appointed Historic District Commission would review each application for change and issue (a) Certificate of Appropriateness (b) Certificate of Non-applicability or (c) Certificate of Hardship. No design review would be made on the interior of any building. The by-law would also include an appeal process on determinations by the Commission. Present Town By-Laws would apply for any change of use for the structure; Town building codes and permit regulations would be followed as they are legally defined.

The Main Street Historic District would extend from Millers Brook on the south to Pauchaug Brook on the north. The by-law will be presented at public meetings and the usual public hearing during

the 1978 calendar year. At these meetings owners of property on Main Street and residents of the Town will have an opportunity to review the draft of the by-law. The Planning Board and the Massachusetts Historical Commission will also be asked to comment and make recommendations.

WHY SHOULD NORTHFIELD DESIGNATE MAIN STREET AS AN HISTORIC DISTRICT?

Written history tells us that Main Street has been the scene of important events from the first settlement of the Town in 1673. It is a prime example of the linear pattern of Town settlement, a form peculiar to the Connecticut Valley. Along its length are distinguished and distinctive buildings in Colonial, Colonial Revival, Federal, Greek Revival, and Victorian styles of architecture in a gracious village setting. The Main Street Historic District By-Law is the logical and the legal way for local residents to decide for themselves what they want to preserve for their own pleasure and for the enrichment of future generations. Other plans give honor to the quality of the street as a whole and to individual buildings, but no other preservation method makes it possible for all the voters in the Town to decide on the present and future visual quality of their Main Street.

The Study Committee meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend the bi-monthly meetings; the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, at the Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Asseng
Doris Balk
Hubert Eastman
Ruth Ellison
Rosa Johnston
Alice Kiablick
Helen Monroe
Madeleine Olsen
Edward Powell

HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

This year marks the hundredth year in which there has been a public library in Northfield and the eightieth in which the Dickinson Memorial Library has been serving its citizens. We believe the Town can be justifiably proud of the support its citizens have given during these years and of the kind of library which such support has provided. We believe that Northfield has one of the better libraries in the state for a town of its size, and we are doing our best to keep it that way.

This year has seen a continuation of our program to upgrade the physical facilities. The move to the children's room has been

completed and has vastly improved the atmosphere and quality of programs that can be offered to our children. Now located in that room is a new stereo system, gift of the local Kiwanis Club, which has opened a new dimension in programming for children, and perhaps later for adult patrons as well. We are grateful for this gift.

As a result of moving the children's room downstairs we have been able to rearrange the first floor so that the kinds of books most often called for are more readily available for your inspection. All fiction, for example, is now housed in the large, southwestern reading room instead of being located in the stacks, and much of the reference material formerly in the reading room is now in the former children's room. Other changes, some made possible by our ability to use the second floor year round, are under consideration and we think these will make your use of the library more effective and enjoyable.

The new heating plant is installed and is providing a considerably more comfortable atmosphere on the lower floors as well as making the second floor space available for added kinds of services. Already two programs of instruction in cardio-pulmonary-resuscitation have been held there and it is providing a place where those working on the inventorying, cataloguing and study of important, local, historical documents can work in comfort while the Historical Museum is closed for the winter. We had hoped we might schedule a series of concerts, lectures and/or movies on a few of these long winter evenings, but have had to defer that to a later time, perhaps next year.

The summer series of concerts, held on the front lawn, or in the auditorium in inclement weather, were enjoyed by many, but probably need more publicity since quite a few people have told us they were not aware that these were being offered. The series of movies during August were not well attended this year. This may have been due to memories of the poor audio when we had them a year ago. There was considerable improvement this year, and hopefully it will be even better another year if we decide to try it once again. These programs were sponsored and conducted by the Friends of the Library, and we appreciate their provision of this service.

Work on a new fire exit from the second floor and on some other changes to meet the State Code is scheduled for completion this spring. This was necessary if we were to continue to have any large group meetings in the auditorium.

For the first time in a long time, perhaps in the history of the Library, we were troubled with incidents of vandalism. Several windows, including some panes of stained glass, were broken; the outside lamp was broken off at its base, and books were removed from the return box and ripped up and scattered over the lawn. So far, the number of such incidents is small and we hope will not continue, but we believe you should be aware of the problem.

Our next project in upgrading the physical facility is to reduce the heat loss from the building, especially from the second floor. This will involve insulating under the attic floor and over the auditorium, and providing storm windows for all upstairs

windows. We believe the savings in fuel which such a move should provide will more than compensate for its cost over the next few years.

In conclusion, we wish to thank all those who have helped make this another year of progress for our library - the several town officials who have been most helpful, our loyal staff, and the many volunteers who have been helping that staff, the Friends of the Library, and the many citizens of the Town who have given us their support and suggestions. We hope you will continue to offer suggestions for our aim continues to be to make a really good library even better.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Richard Giles, Chairman
Desmond Chambers
Margaret Jones
Jon McGowan
Mary Metcalf
Susan Roszkowski

DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY
ANNUAL REPORT 1977

Circulation of Library Materials:

Adult and Juvenile books	20,565
Bookmobile (Adult and Juvenile)	3,041
Interlibrary loan	10
Adult and Juvenile magazines	1,787
Phonograph records (Adult and Juvenile)	402
Jigsaw puzzles	90
Total	25,895
Children's circulation as percent of total	41%

Books in circulation

Added by purchase or gift	915
Withdrawn	700
Total books in circulation	15,642
(Does not include paperback books)	

Total number of Adult borrowers 1,407

Receipts paid to Town Treasurer \$369.81
(Fines and/or lost and damaged books)

Equipment added:

Gift of Kiwanis
Stereo phonograph/radio for children's room
Friends of the Library Children's Room Fund
Book shelves
Hall and stair carpet

Respectfully submitted,

Martha C. Peterson, Librarian

REPORT OF
NORTHFIELD PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

To the Selectmen, the Board of Health, and the Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

The year 1977 has brought about several changes in the Nursing Department. Its present new quarters have brought about additional office visits almost doubling last year's. Private conferences with townspersons concerning personal, medical, or various other problems have also increased.

The Board of Health conducted a general immunization clinic for the townspeople at the Town Hall on April 13th with a total of 53 doses of vaccines given. Another 7 doses were given at the office. Dr. George Harris of Northfield Mount Hermon School was the attending physician.

A Lead Poisoning Screening Clinic was held at the Town Hall on July 13th with 6 children tested. Three others had been tested at my office in June.

On July 6th, Mantoux testing for Tuberculosis was done at Camp Northfield with 15 children and 1 adult being tested.

On Nov. 2nd, Mantoux testing was done at Linden Hill School on seven individuals. In Nov. and Dec., Mantoux tests were done on 7 adults and 3 children in my office.

Through the auspices of the Board of Health, and in conjunction with the Heart Association's "Project Pressure Point" week, a Blood Pressure Clinic for the general public was held on Feb. 11th at the Village Pantry Restaurant on Main Street. Seventy-two people attended. There was a follow-up on 7 persons with referrals to area physicians as necessary.

Free monthly Blood Pressure Clinics continue to be held at the Senior Center and are always well attended.

On Oct. 20th, the Board of Health sponsored a Flu vaccine Clinic at the Senior Center. I was assisted by Mrs. Christine Kovalchick, R.N. Dr. George Harris of Northfield Mount Hermon School was the physician in attendance, and 82 adults were immunized. Another 29 people were given the Flu vaccine in their homes or at the office. In all, a total of 111 doses of vaccine was administered.

On October 24th, the Annual Red Cross Bloodmobile, sponsored by the Fortnightly, collected 72 pints of blood.

At this time, I would like to thank Dr. George Harris, the nurses, many volunteer clerical workers, and others who helped to make all of these clinics a success.

Report of Visits made in 1977

Home Visits.....	897
Office Visits.....	332
Not home visits.....	28
Total visits.....	1257

In order to keep abreast with the current trends and changes in the health field, I attended Seminars and In-Service courses sponsored by Farren Memorial and Franklin County Public Hospitals, Greenfield Visiting Nurse's Assn., Turners Falls Nursing Dept., and all day meetings held in Shrewsbury and Northampton, Mass.

On May 14th, I attended an all day session on Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation at the Farren Memorial Hospital.

In Dec., I attended Information Day, concerning their services for the elderly, by County Home Care Corp. of Turners Falls.

Professional Advisory Committee meetings were attended by me during the year at Greenfield Visiting Nurse Association, Turners Falls Nursing Dept., and those held in Northfield with this agency's own Professional Advisory Committee.

Several conferences were held with the Nursing Social Service, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy Depts., at both hospitals concerning specific patient-oriented health problems which required follow-up in patients homes.

I wish to thank Christine Kovalchick, R.N. for covering the agency during the summer vacation period. I would also like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Health, the Northfield Nursing Advisory Committee, Mrs. Shirley Thompson, Secretary, and the townspeople for all their efforts and cooperation in making this past year's program a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen U. Gorzocoski, R.N.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

This past year the Board of Health:

- appointed Eugene Miller as Health Officer to carry out necessary inspections according to State Health Codes.
- in searching for a way to meet the Medicare requirement of a Nursing Supervisor, joined the nurse and two members of the Nurse's Advisory Committee to meet with representatives of other Franklin County towns during the year, to discuss the possibility of establishing a county-wide nursing service. Those meetings proved fruitless. Another approach is now being pursued in an effort to prevent our agency from being decertified.
- continued to support recycling of glass at the sanitary land fill. A county recycling administrator was appointed last year and he is trying to bring a full recycling program to the county -- including paper, cardboard, cans and metals as well as glass. We support this concept and offer our cooperation in furthering his efforts, and hope the citizens of Northfield will participate in the program as it develops. Recycling makes cents!

- continued with aerial spraying to reduce the mosquito population of Northfield to a manageable quota.
- continued the search for a doctor by presenting the town with an opportunity to enlist a doctor recruiting company at last fall's special town meeting. As this article was voted down, and there seemed to be no further likely avenues to pursue, the board expressed appreciation to the Doctor Recruitment Committee for their efforts, disbanded the committee, and will discontinue the search.

The Board would like to thank the Nurse's Advisory Committee and town officials for their contributions, cooperation and support during this past year. We also wish to commend Mrs. Gorzocoski, nurse; Eugene Miller, Health Officer; Frederick MacNeill and Everon Pollen, plumbing inspectors; Gilbert Hammond, Animal Inspector; and Mrs. Shirley Thompson, secretary, for their cooperative efforts and the performance of their various duties which come under our jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Ladd, Chairman
Margaret M. Craig
John F. Jurkowski

BOARD OF HEALTH

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The year's activities continue to increase and the Commission is keeping pace with the Town's growth, as follows, -

Conducted a public hearing on February 7, 1977, and as a result of the hearing the Conservation Commission approved the State BOAT RAMP in Pauchaug Meadow.

Committee Member, Elizabeth Giles, served on Committee appointed by Selectmen to study feasibility of purchasing the Northfield INN property.

Committee Members Charles Rogers, Harold Briesmaster, Elizabeth Giles, participated in a review of the Western Massachusetts Electric Company Riverbank Restoration Project on a Connecticut River boat trip aboard the "Quinnetukut".

Chairman, Irwin Severance, Jr., and other members met with the CETA tree group regarding the proposed brush cutting project.

Conducted public hearing at the Town Hall regarding application by Mr. Tom Jones for a pond on 4-mile brook. Also, participated in viewing the site, and related review of the matter.

The Commission requested that the Northeast Utilities cut more trees on the northeast side of King Philip's Hill, to enhance the upriver view.

The Commission would like to express its appreciation for the participation of past members during the year, namely Fred Avery, Carolyn Spencer, William Knipe, Shirley Carson and Michael White-man. New members appointed are Gilbert Rochon, Sarah Gurvitch, Charles Rogers, Harold Briesmaster and Raymond Parenteau.

Respectfully submitted,

Irwin Severance, Chairman
Raymond Parenteau, Secretary
Elizabeth Giles
Harold Briesmaster
Charles Rogers
Gilbert Rochon
Sarah Gurvitch

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REPORT OF THE O.C.I.P. COMMITTEE

This Committee was formed under the Town Meeting of May 4, 1976, Article 16.

Under the direction of Town Attorney Walder and the office of Mr. John J. McGlynn, Supervisor of Public Records of Boston, letters were sent to all groups or individuals who might have public documents asking that they be returned to the Town of Northfield.

With the enormity of the results, the Committee knew that they must have qualified assistance. Committee members Dorothy Pollen and Evelyn Parker assembled the papers into general categories.

In January, 1977, Mr. Andrew Raymond, Public Records Analyst for the State, sent us the DISPOSITION SCHEDULE and Information Procedures for Town Officers: Accountant, Treasurer, Collector, Assessors, and Town Clerk.

Mr. John Gorgone, State Supervisor of Public Records, visited us in March in his official capacity to inspect our facilities for storing documents and records, inspecting the town vault and the safe in the basement. He reviewed our work, and through him, in June, Mr. John D. Kendall, Deputy Chief Bibliographer, University Library, Amherst, met with us to obtain the services of Mr. Andrew Raymond who was no longer with the State Records Department, for the arranging of all our town records and documents.

This Mr. Raymond did in July and August and presented the Committee with a detailed descriptive inventory. This is arranged in such a way that all categories may receive additions without affecting the original inventory. Mr. Raymond discussed with each town official concerned with records, the disposition schedule as outlined by the State.

Following this schedule, the several officers have written the State Division of Public Records to dispose of the records no longer needed. Those required by law to be retained have been assembled and organized in the town hall vault and safe by Committee Members, Selectman Carolyn Parenteau and Evelyn Parker. This

includes a descriptive inventory of the documents and records and their placement.

Mr. Raymond also made an assessment of the books which needed conservation because of mold, discoloration, stains, or deterioration.

Mr. George Cunha of the New England Document Conservation Center in North Andover was contacted and the recommended books were taken to the Center for an appraisal and estimate of the costs of this work.

Since the books judged to be the most valuable research-wise were those in regard to births, deaths, and marriages, arrangements were made to have 3 books, 1717 to 1794 taken care of this year, estimated cost \$610.

The Committee wishes to continue on this project of conservation, and also to have like series put on microfilm for further preservation of the records.

The Committee expresses their thanks to the townspeople for answering our request for Town Reports last year, and would like to ask for any of the following which are still needed.

TOWN REPORTS

1873 through 1911
1912-13
1914-15
1915
1916
1918
1920
1921
1942

STREET LISTS

Any before 1953
1954
1962
1965
1972
1975

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn B. Parenteau, Chairman
Evelyn H. Parker, Secretary
Horace F. Field
Richard A. Giles
Rosa S. Johnston
Martha C. Peterson
Dorothy C. Pollen

O.C.I.P. COMMITTEE

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Northfield, Mass.:

Submitted herewith is a report of the activities of the Department of Veterans' Services of the Central Franklin County District and the Veterans' Benefits Department of the town of Northfield for the calendar year 1977.

SUMMARY OF CONTACTS

1. Active Service	12
2. Bonus	15
3. Compensation	94
4. Death Benefits	448
5. Discharges	76
6. Education	91
7. Employment	150
8. Finance	430
9. Housing	9
10. Insurance	75
11. Legal	27
12. Loans	52
13. Medical	280
14. Notarizations	59
15. Pension	593
16. Photostats	4370
17. Recordings	12
18. Selective Service	7
19. Social Security	74
20. Taxes	382
21. Veterans' Benefits	4428
22. Vital Statistics	132
23. Unclassified	<u>432</u>
Total Contacts	12248

The figures listed above represent contacts for all the former servicemen and women in the various communities in the district.

The Veterans' Benefits Department of the town of Northfield provided financial assistance to three cases during the calendar year 1977. Two of these cases were permanent in nature and the remaining case was a temporary situation. Gross expenditures for the year 1977 amounted to \$6140.65. It is expected that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will reimburse the town in the amount of \$3070.33 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 115 as amended, Massachusetts General Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

Homer L. Gamelin

Director of Veterans Services
& Veterans' Agent

BOARD OF ASSESSORS REPORT

Fiscal year ending June 30, 1978

RECAPITULATION

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

(1) To be raised by Taxation	\$1,256,546.60	
(2) To be taken from Available Funds	<u>306,017.52</u>	\$1,562,563.92

School Lunch Program	2,332.00	
Free Public Libraries	926.25	
Veterans District Services	3,564.11	
County Retirement System	13,996.00	
Overlay Deficit	<u>2,280.90</u>	23,099.26

COUNTY TAX AND ASSESSMENTS

County Tax	76,554.57	
1977 Under Est.	<u>1.00</u>	76,555.57

STATE TAX AND ASSESSMENTS

State Recreation Areas	11,181.95	
Audit of Municipal Accounts	10.10	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	310.95	
Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Control	339.46	
Special Education	<u>4,387.00</u>	16,229.46

Overlay of Current Year	<u>43,149.91</u>	
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GROSS AMOUNT TO BE RAISED \$1,721,598.12

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Cherry Sheet Receipts	182,921.31	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	89,100.31	
Licenses	4,759.65	
Fines	1,875.68	
General Government	626.66	
Health and Sanitation	7,438.51	
Highways	915.00	
School (local receipts of School Committee)	36.00	
Veterans Benefits	1,144.51	
Reimbursement - Group Insurance	5,754.50	
Farm animal, Machinery & Equipment Excise	2,850.65	
Interest Income	13,921.23	
Public Service Enterprises(Sewer Dept.)	20,413.50	
Franklin County Tech. School-Refund	<u>655.99</u>	334,413.50

Overestimates: County Tax	3,492.80	
State Recreation Areas	565.63	
Air Pollution Control	<u>14.27</u>	4,072.70

Available Funds and Free Cash	<u>300,725.13</u>	<u>300,725.13</u>
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TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS AND ESTIMATED RECEIPTS 639,211.33

TOTAL NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION ON PROPERTY \$1,082,386.79

	<u>Valuation</u>	<u>Tax</u>
Total Personal Property	\$ 3,683,394	\$ 136,285.58
Total Real Estate	<u>25,570,303</u>	<u>946,101.21</u>
TOTAL P/P AND R/E	\$ 29,253,697	\$1,082,386.79

Approximately each \$29,200 appropriated at the annual Town Meeting represents \$1.00 on the tax rate.

COMPUTATION OF TAX RATE

School Tax Rate	71%	\$ 26.34
General Tax Rate	<u>29%</u>	<u>10.66</u>
TOTAL TAX RATE	100%	\$ 37.00

ABATEMENTS ISSUED DURING THE YEAR 1977

Levy of	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>1978</u>
Motor Vehicles	\$258.58	\$2,792.51	\$7,535.57	
Real & Personal Estate			15.50	\$5,030.89
Elderly Exemptions				18,664.92
Veterans Exemptions				3,850.00

Number of Motor Vehicles Taxed	2182
Total Excise on Motor Vehicles	\$ 95,030.52
Total Assessed Valuation	\$ 1,613,655.00

Motor Vehicle Incomplete - Compiled to December 31, 1977

We, the Board of Assessors, would like to express our thanks to all citizens and Town officials for the cooperation and courtesy extended to the Board during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald C. Henderson, Jr., Chairman
William G. Roberts
Warren E. Whitney, Clerk

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

Taxes for 1975

Motor Vehicle Excise outstanding 1/1/77		1,252.89
Committed after 1/1/77		392.30
Collected after abatement		12.30
Abatements	258.58	
Paid to Treasurer	<u>1,398.91</u>	
	1,657.49	<u>1,657.49</u>

Taxes for 1976

Motor Vehicle Excise outstanding 1/1/77		3,216.17
Committed after 1/1/77		19,490.66
Refunds		682.12
Abatements	2,792.51	
Paid to Treasurer	<u>20,379.56</u>	
Outstanding 1/1/78	<u>216.88</u>	
	23,388.95	<u>23,388.95</u>

Taxes for 1977

Motor Vehicle Excise Levy		95,030.52
Refunds		1,470.48
Abatements	7,535.57	
Paid to Treasurer	<u>75,347.39</u>	
Outstanding 1/1/78	<u>13,618.04</u>	
	96,501.00	<u>96,501.00</u>
Farm Animal & Machinery Excise Levy		2,907.75
Paid to Treasurer	<u>2,907.75</u>	
	2,907.75	<u>2,907.75</u>

Taxes for 1977 Fiscal Year

Personal Property Taxes outstanding 1/1/77		55,902.68
Abatements	15.50	
Paid to Treasurer	<u>55,887.18</u>	
	55,902.68	<u>55,902.68</u>
Real Estate Taxes outstanding 1/1/77		342,337.38
Refunds		259.36
Tax Titles Taken	1,190.32	
Tax Titles Added	964.10	
Statement filed to continue Municipal Lien in accordance with Chapter 60, Section 37A and placed in Special Taxes account in accordance with Chapter 60, Section 95	153.45	
Paid to Treasurer	<u>340,288.87</u>	
	342,596.74	<u>342,596.74</u>

Taxes for 1978 Fiscal Year

Personal Property Levy		136,285.58
Refunds		12.95
Abatements	48.10	
Paid to Treasurer	<u>67,977.01</u>	
Outstanding 1/1/78	<u>68,273.42</u>	
	136,298.53	<u>136,298.53</u>

Real Estate Levy		947,391.40
Refunds		651.39
Abatements	27,497.71	
Paid to Treasurer	471,146.98	
Outstanding 1/1/78	449,398.10	
	948,042.79	948,042.79

Sewer Use Charges

Charges for Fiscal 1977		21,140.00
Paid to Treasurer	19,348.00	
Outstanding 1/1/78	1,792.00	
	21,140.00	21,140.00

Sewer Use Charges Added to Real Estate Taxes

Charges Outstanding 1/1/77		173.80
Committed Interest Outstanding 1/1/77		3.31
Paid to Treasurer	177.11	
	177.11	177.11

Sewer Plant Fees

Fees Outstanding 1/1/77		140.00
Committed after 1/1/77		520.00
Abatements	40.00	
Paid to Treasurer	390.00	
Outstanding 1/1/78	230.00	
	660.00	660.00

Sewer Entrance Fees

Committed		150.00
Paid to Treasurer	150.00	
	150.00	150.00

Chapter 60, Section 95 Special Taxes

Balance Outstanding 1/1/77		341.55
Added from 1977 Real Estate Levy		153.45
Abatements	165.00	
Outstanding 1/1/78	330.00	
	495.00	495.00

NORTHFIELD WATER DISTRICT TAXES

Taxes for 1977 Fiscal Year

Water Charges Outstanding 1/1/77		307.10
Committed Interest Outstanding 1/1/77		15.52
Paid to District Treasurer	322.62	
	322.62	322.62

Taxes for 1978 Fiscal Year

Water Charges Added to Real Estate Levy		573.95
Committed Interest Added to Real Estate Levy		34.92
Paid to District Treasurer	221.54	
Water Charges Outstanding 1/1/78	365.07	
Committed Interest Outstanding 1/1/78	22.26	
	608.87	608.87

Respectfully
submitted,

Gordon W. Leavis, TAX COLLECTOR

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

CALENDAR YEAR 1977

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1977		\$ 96,437.03
Receipts for the year		<u>2,497,005.41</u>
		\$2,593,442.44
Payments per Warrants	\$ 2,512,959.29	
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1977	48,358.85	
Franklin County Trust Co.	417.68	
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	<u>31,706.62</u>	\$ 2,593,442.44

Franklin County Trust Co.

December 31, 1977

Balance per Statement		\$ 60,307.52
Balance per Check Book	\$ 417.68	
Outstanding Checks	<u>59,889.84</u>	\$ 60,307.52

State Street Bank & Trust Co.

December 31, 1977

Balance per Statement		\$ 61,706.62
Balance per Check Book	\$ 31,706.62	
Outstanding Checks	<u>30,000.00</u>	\$ 61,706.62

REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1977		\$ 107,655.68
Allotments for the year		36,606.00
Interest added for year		<u>4,225.68</u>
		\$ 148,487.36
Payments per Warrants	\$ 78,357.75	
Franklin County Trust Co.	1,680.02	
Franklin Savings Inst.	<u>68,449.59</u>	\$ 148,487.36

Franklin County Trust Co.

December 31, 1977

Balance per Statement		\$ 4,983.53
Balance per Check Book	\$ 1,680.02	
Outstanding Checks	<u>3,303.51</u>	\$ 4,983.53

P.W.E.A. - ANTI-RECESSION FUND

Balance January 1, 1977		\$ 4,494.00
Interest added for year		<u>109.95</u>
		\$ 4,603.95
Payments per Warrants	\$ 3,860.55	
Franklin County Trust Co.	139.45	
Franklin Savings Inst.	<u>603.95</u>	\$ 4,603.95

Franklin County Trust Co.

December 31, 1977

Balance per Statement		\$ 139.45
Balance per Check Book		\$ 139.45

C.E.T.A. - TITLE VI ACCOUNT

Receipts for the year		\$	16,796.16
Payments per Warrants	\$	13,080.82	
Pioneer National Bank		<u>3,715.34</u>	\$ 16,796.16
Pioneer National Bank			
<u>December 31, 1977</u>			
Balance per Statement		\$	4,830.27
Balance per Check Book	\$	3,715.34	
Outstanding Checks		<u>1,114.93</u>	\$ 4,830.27

INVESTMENTS

Franklin Savings Institution			
Regular Savings Account		\$	55,000.00
Special Notice Account			25,000.00
Pioneer National Bank			
Certificate of Deposit - due 1/11/78			100,000.00
Certificate of Deposit - due 2/15/78			300,000.00
Regular Savings Account			20,000.00
Interest Received on Investments During 1977		\$	16,062.96

STABILIZATION FUND

Franklin Savings Institution			
Balance January 1, 1977		\$	147,208.50
Interest added for year			<u>5,317.48</u>
		\$	152,525.98
Pioneer National Bank - Bal. 12/31/77			
Cert. of Dep. due 2/28/78	\$	75,000.00	
Cert. of Dep. due 8/29/78		<u>77,525.98</u>	\$ 152,525.98

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Federal Withholding Taxes		\$	45,932.48
Massachusetts Withholding Taxes			17,100.00
Franklin County Retirement System			8,967.81
Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement Board			10,712.22
Group Health Ins. - Aetna Life & Casualty			2,026.34
Group Health Ins. - Blue Cross - Blue Shield			4,374.76
Group Life Ins. - Greenfield Savings Bank			135.21
Pioneer Valley Union Teachers' Assn. Dues			2,034.00
Franklin Co. School Employees' Fed. Credit Union			9,010.00
Teachers' Annuities			3,070.52

TRUST FUNDS

	<u>Franklin Savings Institution</u>			
	Balance 1-1-77	Interest to Treas.	Int. Added/ Redeposited	Withdrawn
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>Library</u>				
C. Ina Merriam Fund	1,745.85	\$ 571.92	\$ 67.36	\$ 1,036.28
Belcher Funds	9,739.01	35.20		9,739.01
Marina Stanley Fund	600.00	117.96		600.00
Maude Montague Fund	2,009.60	176.16		2,009.60
C. P. Dickinson Fund	3,000.00	5.88		3,000.00
Northfield Chapter D.A.R.	100.00			100.00
<u>Charity</u>				
Lottie Evans Fund	2,225.11	481.19	121.62	2,346.73
Starkweather Fund	8,000.00	199.83	4,446.00	12,446.00
George F. Morgan Fund	3,000.00	33.22	1,828.00	4,828.00
Roselle Evans Fund	500.00	121.52	303.00	803.00
Elisha Alexander Fund	2,020.00		1,123.00	3,143.00
<u>School</u>				
Belcher Center School Fund	1,250.00	83.09	750.00	2,000.00
Surplus Revenue Fund	1,600.00	93.92		1,600.00
<u>Cemetery</u>				
Alice Bigelow S. Mtn. Cem.	100.00	6.46	45.00	145.00
Var. W. Nfld. Cem. (See List)	2,350.00	151.74	1,064.00	3,414.00
Edward Priest W. Nfld. Cem.	7,292.49	471.01	3,303.00	10,595.49
Lucretia Holton W. Nfld. Cem.	101.00	5.40		101.00
Var. Mt. Hermon - (See List)	2,950.00	194.53	1,360.00	4,610.00
Callender Mt. Hermon Cem.	500.00	32.22	226.00	726.00
Var. Nfld. Farms - (See List)	4,951.69	327.84	2,291.00	7,442.69
Var. Center Cem. -(See List)	13,738.06	887.30	6,223.00	19,961.06
Belcher Center Cem. Fds.	2,000.00	129.28	909.58	2,909.58
James Cowles Center Cem.	2,000.00	129.13	905.00	2,905.00
Calvin Stearns Center Cem.	500.00	32.22	226.00	726.00
			<u>Added</u>	

Flora E. Lane Center Cem.

Greenfield Savings Bank

202.00 10.78

202.00

Respectfully submitted,
Grace T. Young
TREASURER

LIST OF CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

CENTER CEMETERY

Nelson & Nettie Spring	\$100.00	S. E. Walker	200.00
Emma A. Haltnorth	100.00	J. I. Greenleaf	300.00
John F. Rice	100.00	M. Margaret Laird	100.00
Carpenter Winchester	100.00	Hezekiah & Elizabeth	
Clinton A. Ware	150.00	Stratton	80.00
George R. Stebbins	50.00	Hezekiah & Mollie	
Charles Stebbins	100.00	Stratton	80.00
Walter D. Crane	100.00	Rufus & Asenath Stratton	80.00
John E. Nye	100.00	William H. Phelps	200.00
Harvey J. Evans	50.00	Elizabeth M. Purple	200.00
Augustus W. Holton	100.00	Sarah Jane Whithead	50.00
Thomas R. Callender	50.00	Bessie Severance	100.00
Johnson Fund	123.06	Lewis Fowler	50.00
Mary L. Wright	125.00	J. Wesley Mann	100.00
M. Bemis & Otis Field	50.00	Andrew E. & Arthur H.	
Charles Blackmer	50.00	Lyman	400.00
Alvin Long	50.00	Edward B. Stearns	50.00
Isaac Cook & Wright		Benjamin F. Field &	
Stratton	100.00	Charles Pomeroy	100.00
John L. Mattoon	100.00	Charles Osgood	500.00
Levi Fay	150.00	Louis Frederick Bartlett	100.00
Sarah E. Minot	150.00	Sherman Nye Bartlett	100.00
James Pickard	100.00	Rose A. Holton	100.00
Augusta L. Day	100.00	C. D. Merriam &	
Elijar Belding	125.00	Cornelius Hilliard	300.00
James White	100.00	Cora B. Preston &	
Arad Webster & William		Asa Holton	100.00
Billings	500.00	Frank & William Piper	100.00
Katherine Gaeng	100.00	L. O. Clapp Lot	100.00
Elijar E. Belding	100.00	Hachita Lots	440.00
A. M. D. Alexander	300.00	Samuel & Elijar	
Charles Alexander &		Merriman	1,760.00
Richard Colton	200.00	Mary V. H. Slade	125.00
Adelaide W. Moody	100.00	Mrs. George Spofford	200.00
Louis M. Potts	200.00	Mary B. Rankin	100.00
Roselle Evans	50.00	Daniel F. Sutherland	100.00
Amos Shepardson &		George N. Kidder	500.00
Anna S. Preston	150.00	Tie'- Webster Lot	100.00
Bessie Moore	100.00	Frank & Jennie Lombard	100.00
Elizabeth P. Kraft	100.00	Nellie Nye	400.00
Maximilla S. Hachita	100.00	Fred A. Bogart	100.00
Albert S. Brigham	100.00	Francis S. Bemis	300.00
George E. Nye	200.00	Harold B. Stratton	200.00
Dorothy P. Bruce	150.00	Mary Isabel Newton	100.00
Dr. Stratton White &			
George & William			\$ 13,738.06
Hastings	300.00		
Jessamine W. Polhemus	100.00		
William R. Moody	100.00		
Mrs. Norman MacGaffin	50.00		
Clara B. Torrey	100.00		
Herbert E. Robbins	200.00		

WEST NORTHFIELD CEMETERY

Cecil Wilson	\$100.00
Caroline B. Lane	150.00
George W. Snow	200.00
Henry M. Yerrington	100.00
Pennock Fund	100.00
Cora B. Preston & Pitts W. Preston	100.00
S. E. K. Priest	200.00
George F. Witt	100.00
Jane E. Evans	50.00
Warena P. Miller	200.00
Mary E. Bunker	200.00
Edna M. Kelley	150.00
Boyd Palmer	25.00
Vernon Playful	100.00
Hartley L. & Flora M. Bosworth	25.00
Alice Dutton Yerrington	150.00
Leroy R. Barnes	100.00
Doris Cutler	100.00
Jane F. Randolph	100.00
Maurice A. & Leona A. Barrett	100.00
	<u>\$2,350.00</u>

NORTHFIELD FARMS CEMETERY

James Browning & Robert Washer	\$100.00
Retta R. Barrett	100.00
Ada Chamberlain & Sarah Morgan	75.00
Eva J. S. Clough	200.00
M. Maria Foss	200.00
Ernest C. Field	100.00
Elisa Graves	51.69
Brigham Gage & David Clowes	100.00
Charles L. Gilbert	200.00
George M. Chamberlain	75.00
Samuel A. Holton	200.00
Elvira A. Morgan	50.00
James & William Merriam	100.00
Inez E. Holton	50.00
Henry W. Montague	400.00
Charles C. Morgan	100.00
Samuel Pratt	25.00
Larkin Fisher, Frank & Lucy Ross	50.00
Fred W. Ruggles	100.00
Ashael & Alner Sawyer	100.00
Marcellus D. Stratton	100.00
Rufus Stratton & Oren D. Darling	150.00
Elisha & Elihu Stratton	200.00

William H. Stratton	\$100.00
Mary A. Stratton	100.00
Samuel W. & William G. Slate	100.00
Leroy Weatherhead	75.00
Oscar & Frank V. Wood	50.00
Jennie L. Bascomb	150.00
Herbert Dutton	100.00
Murray Hammond	100.00
Nettie Gilbert	300.00
George H. Pratt	100.00
Lawrence A. Comins	100.00
Clayton P. B. Miller	100.00
Lincoln E. Warner	100.00
William M. Barnes	100.00
George W. Stratton	250.00
Bertha S. Hammond	200.00
Gracie F. Slate	100.00
Charles Lincoln	100.00
Edward J. McKenna	100.00
	<u>\$ 5,151.69</u>

MOUNT HERMON CEMETERY

Henry F. Cutler	\$100.00
L. Lorimer Drury	100.00
Horace F. Holton	100.00
Alice V. Watson	150.00
Anna Bell McMillan	100.00
Charles T. Sibley	200.00
Lewis Hodus	200.00
Roy R. Hatch	100.00
Joseph S. Castogue	100.00
Charles D. Streeter	200.00
Mary J. & Anna L. Miller	200.00
Marion Fish Giersbach	100.00
Alice Mosse	100.00
S. Douglas & Ruth A. Polhemus	100.00
Jane E. Holton	100.00
Claire H. & Alfred D. Montague	100.00
Marjorie W. Prescott	100.00
Julia Pierce, Edward & Barbara Blake	100.00
Jessie H. Hyde	100.00
Julia Mary Stark	100.00
William Eberhardt	100.00
L. Lorimer Drury Family	100.00
Jane E. Nunn, William & Sarah Eberhardt	100.00
Joseph D. Costogue	200.00
Elizabeth White & Marjorie Skogland	100.00
Frank & Agnes Pearsall	100.00
Pauline Alexander	100.00
	<u>\$ 3,250.00</u>

TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 61, Chapter 41 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I submit the fiscal year report of the Accounting Department ending June 30, 1977. Included are the sources of all receipts, detail of appropriations and expenditures, statement of trust funds, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the Town on July 1, 1977.

All invoices and payrolls presented were examined for accuracy and legality before being submitted to the Board of Selectmen. The Treasurer's Cash was verified and found to be correct.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all departments for their cooperation during the past fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,
Ethel D. Fowler

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

BALANCE SHEET TOWN OF NORTHFIELD Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1977

<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities and Reserves</u>	
Cash			
General	482,035.80	Payroll Deductions	1,880.77
Federal Revenue Sharing	82,016.54	Group Insurance	17.46
P.W.E.A. Anti-Recession Funds	1,393.97	Life Insurance	1,898.23
Accounts Receivable		Dog Licenses Collected for County	272.75
1977 Personal Property Levy	543.16	Tailings - Unclaimed Checks	476.13
1977 Real Estate Levy	<u>7,637.20</u>	Gift to Conservation Committee	10.00
	8,180.36	Trust Fund Income	
Motor Vehicle Excise		Elisha Alexander Charity	2,059.04
1975 Levy	228.61	George F. Morgan Charity	2,039.73
1976 Levy	3,819.94	Roselle Evans, Worthy Poor	429.71
1977 Levy	<u>23,725.86</u>	Starkweather Charity	5,190.16
	27,774.41	Belcher Center School	1,096.99
Special Taxes, Real Estate	341.55	Belcher Library	975.17

Tax Titles & Possession		
Tax Titles	2,896.78	
Possessions	<u>292.87</u>	3,189.65
Sewer Use		
Levy of 1977		18,162.00
Departmental		
Sewer Dept.		80.00
County Dog Care		100.00
State Aid to Highways		78,222.00
Group Life Insurance		1.44
Stabilization Fund		77,000.00
Fire Truck		
Revenue 1978		1,256,546.60
Loans Authorized		
Sewer Construction	414,500.00	
Survey to correct infil., inflow into sew.syst.	<u>31,000.00</u>	445,500.00
Underestimates 1977		
Veterans' Service Center	.49	
Special Education(Ch.766)	<u>1.00</u>	1.49
1977 Overlay		2,280.90

Maude Montague Library	383.37	
Marina Stanley, Library Books	87.19	
Charles Dickinson, Library Books	549.52	
D.A.R. Books	<u>19.11</u>	12,829.99
Perpetual Care Cemeteries		
Center, Mt. Hermon, So. Mtn.	11,120.11	
Northfield Farms	2,469.04	
West Northfield	5,596.81	
Mary Callendar Lot,Mt.Hermon	335.65	
Calvin Stearns Lot, Center	<u>366.65</u>	19,888.26
Revolving Fund		
School Lunch		4,431.22
Title II Library Extension		15.56
Title III Natl. Defense Education		5.76
Title IV B P.L. 93-380		1,187.11
Appropriation Balances		
1977 Appropriations Revenue		108,324.18
1978		1,450,387.92
"		
Loans Authorized Unissued		445,500.00
Sale of Real Estate		5,569.37
Sale of Cemetery Lots		5,019.12
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation		
P.W.E.A. Anti-Recession Funds		85.52
Federal Revenue Sharing		17,403.00
Road Machinery Fund		327.85
State Aid to Libraries		986.63

Overestimates 1977

State Parks & Reservations	565.63
County Tax	1,513.94
County Retirement System	1,037.00
Pioneer Valley Air Poll.	
Control Bd.	<u>14.27</u>

3,130.84

Reserve Fund

Overlay Surplus

73,887.83

Revenues Reserved Until Collected

Motor Vehicle Excise	27,774.41
Sewer Use	18,162.00
Special Taxes	341.55
Tax Titles & Possessions	3,189.65
Departmental	80.00
State Aid to Highways	<u>78,222.00</u>

127,769.61

Surplus Revenue

137,498.84

Federal Revenue Sharing

1977 Appropriations Revenue

713.54

1978 " "

63,900.00

P.W.E.A. Anti-Recession Funds

1977 Appropriations Revenue

1,308.45

\$ 2,482,826.71

\$ 2,482,826.71

RECEIPTS

Investment of General Cash		\$ 1,470,000.00
Taxes:		
1976 Personal Property	654.89	
1976 Real Estate	<u>10,159.74</u>	10,814.63
1977 Personal Property	111,189.64	
1977 Real Estate	<u>687,585.22</u>	798,774.86
Motor Vehicle Excise		
Levy of 1973	128.70	
Levy of 1974	29.85	
Levy of 1975	4,999.34	
Levy of 1976	59,418.48	
Levy 1977	<u>42,835.41</u>	107,411.78
Farm Animal Excise		
Levy of 1976		2,959.63
Tax Titles Redeemed		2,878.48
Sewer Use		
Levy of 1976	990.00	
Levy of 1977	<u>2,978.00</u>	3,968.00
Levy of 1976 Added to Taxes		3,118.50
Committed Interest		69.59
Accounts Receivable		
Sewer Dumping	570.00	
Veterans' Benefits	<u>938.67</u>	1,508.67
Aid to Highways		
State, Chapter 90	32,626.00	
County, Chapter 90	<u>6,700.00</u>	39,326.00
Payroll Deductions		
Federal Withholding Taxes	47,187.63	
State Withholding Taxes	16,815.06	
County Retirement	8,165.89	
Teachers' Retirement	11,738.77	
Group Insurance	9,470.63	
Life Insurance	235.92	
Credit Union	9,400.00	
Teachers' Dues	<u>1,848.00</u>	104,861.90
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds		38,378.00
Interest on Rev. Shar. Funds		4,883.19
P.W.E.A. Anti-Recession Funds		4,494.00
Interest on Anti-Recession Funds		85.52

Trust Funds Interest

Elisha Alexander Charity	108.24	
George F. Morgan Charity	176.16	
Roselle Evans Worthy Poor	29.28	
Starkweather Charity	<u>428.64</u>	742.32
Belcher Center School		73.36
Belcher Library	571.92	
Maude Montague Library	117.96	
Marina Stanley Library	35.20	
Charles Dickinson Library	176.16	
D.A.R. Library	<u>5.88</u>	907.12
P.C. Center, Mt. Hermon, So. Mtn.	1,232.26	
P.C. Northfield Farms	292.30	
P.C. West Northfield	571.60	
P.C. Mary Callendar Lot	29.28	
P.C. Calvin Stearns Lot, Cent. Cem.	<u>29.28</u>	2,154.72
Library State Aid		986.63
Library County Dog Fund		341.32
Title IV B P.L. 94-369, School		1,187.11
Ina Merriman Fund from Savings Account		776.93
Trust Funds - Perpetual Care Cemetery		300.00
Massachusetts Meals Tax		47.85
County Dog Care		416.00
Dog Licenses Coll. for County		844.25
Tax Collector's Fees		694.00
School Lunch		
Sales	10,596.57	
State	<u>9,724.82</u>	20,321.39
Road Machinery Fund		1,691.50
Sale of Cemetery Lots		270.00
Tailings - Uncashed Checks		892.78
Estimated Receipts		
Town Clerk & Selectmen's Licenses		204.00
Plumbing Licenses & Permits		168.00
Building Permits		1,068.30
Building Inspections		687.00
Demolish Permits		465.00
Disposal & Septic Permits		44.00
Other Board of Health Licenses		56.00
Liquor Licenses		885.00
Police Permits		196.00
Bicycle Registrations		2.00
Police Accident Reports		79.00
Court Fines		515.00
Surplus Revenue Fund Interest		93.92
Copier Use		184.46
Tax Title Fees and Interest		819.63
Tax Title Advertisement Reimbursement		7.48
Board of Appeals Ad. Reimb.		18.00
Sale of Maps		40.50
Rent, Town Hall		130.00

Rent, Alexander Hall	31.00
Rent, Town Hall Equipment	5.00
Sale of Town Hall Supplies	.60
Sale of Histories	12.00
Sale of Assessors' Maps	70.00
Nurse's Fees	11,025.95
Clinic Donations	13.58
Library Fines	433.80
Ambulance Service	2,000.00
Interest on Taxes	1,294.14
Interest on Investments	20,953.48
Insurance Claim, Truck	148.05
Notice of Intent, Conserv. Comm.	75.00
Sale of Glass for Recycling	73.60
Sale of Slate House	152.50
Reimbursement, Group Insurance	8.80
Reimbursement, State, '75 Census	616.25
Reimbursement, State, Veterans' Tax Exemption	350.00
Appropriation Refunds	690.98
Appropriation Refunds, Prior Year	115.99
Insurance Claim, Sewer Plant	451.00
Reimbursement, Ins. Co., Veterans' Benefits	826.93

Receipts from Commonwealth

Loss of Taxes on Land	22,226.41
Chapter 70, School	61,504.27
Chapter 71, School	19,686.00
Chapter 74, Voc. Sch., Trans.	855.00
Chapter 74, Voc. Sch.	3,947.00
Chapter 71B, School	32,167.00
Lottery	9,866.79
Chapter 497, Highway	30,799.38
Chapter 825, Sec. 3, Highway	36,436.52

Total Receipts (Rev. Shar.)	43,261.19
(P.W.E.A.)	4,579.52
(General)	2,840,839.63
Cash on Hand 7/1/76 (Rev.Shar.)	93,893.79
(General)	45,771.50

\$ 3,028,345.63

RECAPITULATION

	Approp.	Spent	Balance
Moderator and Expense	99.00	99.00	---
Selectmen	2,750.00	2,750.00	---
Selectmen's Secretary	1,667.00	1,667.00	---
Selectmen's Expense	2,294.97	2,294.97	---
Accountant	4,000.00	4,000.00	---
Accountant's Expense	175.00	168.87	6.13
Treasurer	2,300.00	2,300.00	---
Treasurer's Expense	1,450.00	1,099.19	.81
Tax Collector	2,170.00	2,170.00	---
Tax Collector's Expense	1,900.00	1,610.87	289.13
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs	350.00	69.38	280.62

Protection of Tax Title Property	25.00	---	25.00
Assessors and Clerk	4,238.00	4,238.00	---
Assessors' Expense	1,600.00	1,480.79	119.21
Microfilm Assessors' Valuation			
Records	100.00	84.19	15.81
Print Town Tax Valuation Book	2,000.00	1,872.30	127.70
Finance Committee Expense	160.00	105.87	54.13
Town Clerk	1,300.00	1,300.00	---
Town Clerk's Expense	200.00	200.00	---
Legal Expense	4,500.00	4,299.88	200.12
Election and Registration	3,000.00	2,940.22	59.78
Unpaid Bill-1973-Elect. & Regist.	612.23	612.23	---
Planning Board Expense	700.00	345.19	354.81
Master Plan	1,652.86	1,652.86	---
Board of Appeals Expense	200.00	163.97	36.03
Capital Improv. Invest. Comm.	150.00	---	150.00
Town Manager Invest. Comm. Expense	150.00	48.80	101.20
Town Hall	9,604.79	9,604.79	---
Slate House	500.00	111.92	388.08
Police Chief	13,250.00	13,250.00	---
Special Police	6,000.00	5,859.06	140.94
Police Dept. Secretary	1,667.00	1,667.00	---
Police Dept. Operating Expense	7,750.00	7,537.05	212.95
Fire Dept. Salaries	620.00	620.00	---
Fire Dept. Operating Expense	7,500.00	7,360.66	139.34
Hose and Equipment	2,000.00	1,682.70	317.30
Maintenance of Fire Sta. & Garage	4,200.00	4,076.66	123.34
Hydrants	500.00	500.00	---
Water Holes	500.00	---	500.00
Public Safety	75.00	75.00	---
Wire Inspector	100.00	---	100.00
Tree Trim and Plant	2,400.00	2,390.24	9.76
Dutch Elm Control	2,500.00	2,449.90	50.10
Insect and Pest Control	413.06	144.80	268.26
Dog Officer and Expense	350.00	249.70	100.30
Building Commissioner	4,000.00	4,000.00	---
Building Commissioner's Expense	450.00	377.87	72.13
Board of Health Salaries	588.00	588.00	---
Health	2,000.00	757.18	1,242.82
Mental Health & Retardation Serv.	2,431.00	2,431.00	---
Community Awareness Council	2,431.00	2,431.00	---
Dump Control	9,510.53	9,510.53	---
Nurse and Substitute	11,990.00	11,538.75	451.25
Nurse's Clerk	3,335.00	3,335.00	---
Nurse's Expense	500.00	431.61	68.39
Nurse's Car Expense	700.00	243.82	456.18
Homemaker/Home Health Aid	6,310.05	6,310.05	---
Inspection of Animals	477.00	204.50	272.50
Sewer Commissioners	588.00	588.00	---
Sewer Commissioners' Expense	75.00	40.27	34.73
Operation & Maintenance of			
Sewer Plant	24,350.00	23,444.18	905.82
Insurance on Sewer Plant Vandalism	451.00	451.00	---
Highway Superintendent's Expense	501.12	501.12	---
Highway Sick, Vacations, Holidays	6,292.00	3,417.62	2,874.38

Highway Tools	1,000.00	833.36	166.64
Machinery Maintenance	23,665.91	23,409.13	256.78
Snow Removal	25,560.76	25,550.76	10.00
Highways, Bridges & Railings	54,712.34	52,488.62	1,135.72
Chapter 765 Construction (1975)	9,658.71	9,658.71	---
Cost Estimate-Hwy.Dept.Garage	300.00	300.00	---
Street Lights	28,786.00	23,065.10	5,720.90
Hwy.Bounds, Surveys, Street Lists	50.00	50.00	---
Schell Bridge Survey	14,800.00	14,800.00	---
Soldiers' Relief	4,500.00	1,773.35	2,726.65
Elementary School Comm. Salaries	795.00	795.00	---
Elementary School	343,463.85	342,297.57	1,166.28
Elementary School (Encumbered)	29,339.32	29,339.32	---
Cost Est.-Sch.Addition & Renovation	3,000.00	3,000.00	---
PVRS Capital & Operating Expense	402,162.14	402,162.14	---
Franklin County Tech. School District	84,178.20	82,094.60	2,083.60
Dickinson Memorial Library	20,951.03	20,903.95	47.08
Field Library	250.00	250.00	---
Recreation Committee Programs	6,860.00	6,462.46	34.94
Cost Estimate-Rec. Area & Sch. Sew. Conn.	200.00	200.00	---
Ambulance	5,000.00	5,000.00	---
Town Reports	1,500.00	1,256.00	244.00
Memorial and Veterans' Days	788.91	788.91	---
Alexander Hall	400.00	227.58	172.42
Interest	100.00	---	100.00
Insurance	23,674.40	23,674.40	---
Chapter 32 B	16,514.04	14,033.81	782.83
Chapter 32 B (Encumb.)	1,278.49	1,260.14	18.35
Trout for Stocking Streams	300.00	300.00	---
Town Clock	150.00	96.00	54.00
Land Damages	100.00	---	100.00
Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers, Field Drivers	25.00	---	25.00
Maintenance of Athletic Field	500.00	434.38	65.62
Franklin County Senior Services	1,500.00	1,500.00	---
Historical Society Building	200.00	76.65	123.35
Conservation Committee Expense	650.00	45.13	604.87
Historical Commission	175.00	175.00	---
Equipment to Store Hist. & Valuable Records	200.00	142.58	57.42
Unpaid Bill-1976-Bicent. Committee	307.09	307.09	---
Relocate & Restore Bern. Sch. House (to PVRS)	450.00	450.00	---
Cemeteries	5,000.00	2,544.60	<u>2,455.40</u>
Unexpended Balances to Revenue			\$28,700.90
Reserve Fund	7,500.00	6,114.77	1,385.23
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve			
Renovate Town Hall	460.80	352.63	108.17
Town Hall Din.Rm.Acoustical Tiling	3,226.00	2,197.06	1,028.94
Town Hall Din. Rm. Fluorescent Lights	1,200.00	1,181.36	18.64

Town Hall Kitchen Floor Covering	325.00	325.00	---
Repair Town Hall Steps & Window Sill	1,000.00	925.00	75.00
New Police Cruiser	4,500.00	4,401.50	98.50
Radar Unit for Police Department	1,100.00	1,095.00	5.00
Paint Outside Fire Station	900.00	890.00	10.00
Shingle Fire Station Roof	2,400.00	1,680.94	719.06
Mosquito Spraying	2,500.00	2,500.00	---
Nurse's New Car	4,200.00	3,776.44	423.56
New Dump Truck	17,500.00	17,257.88	242.12
New Sander Body	5,700.00	4,747.05	239.41
Air Compressor for Hwy. and Fire Depts.	1,500.00	1,266.76	233.24
Dickinson Library Improvements	10,000.00	9,997.35	2.65
Shingle Historical Society Building Roof	1,000.00	958.00	<u>42.00</u>
Unexpended Balances to Fed. Rev. Shar.		\$ 3,246.29	
Treasurer's Expense	1,450.00	1,099.19	350.00
Assessor's Revaluation	2,886.47	1,555.56	1,330.91
Renovate Town Offices & Clerical Assistance	4,494.00	3,185.55	1,308.45
Civil Defense	1,160.14	247.54	912.60
Infil. & Infl. Analysis, Sewer Syst.	2,776.82	2,160.79	616.03
Infil. & Infl. Eval. Survey, Sewer System	19,000.00	842.83	
			18,157.15
E. Street Surface Water Drainage Project	2,000.00	---	2,000.00
Easements for Sewers	100.00	---	100.00
Legal Fees & Surveys for Sewers	5,000.00	2,619.00	2,381.00
Highways, Bridges & Railings	54,712.34	52,488.62	1,088.00
Chapter 765 Const. (1976)	36,626.00	15,815.07	
			20,810.93
Chapter 765 Const. (1977)	36,626.00	---	36,626.00
Gulf Road	24,793.70	24,666.58	127.12
Pentecost Road Const.	8,000.00	1,663.25	6,336.75
New Sander Body	5,700.00	4,747.05	713.54
Evaluate and Rate Bridges	10,000.00	---	10,000.00
Sidewalks	4,000.00	1,491.90	2,508.10
Survey Boundaries of Certain Town Ways	3,000.00	105.00	2,895.00
Obtain, Catalog, Index & Preserve Records Comm.	1,725.46	1,700.87	24.59
Recreation Comm. Programs	6,860.00	6,462.46	362.60
Chapter 32 B	16,514.04	14,033.81	<u>1,697.40</u>
Unexpended Balances to 1978		\$ 110,346.17	

Investments of General Cash		1,300,000.00
Refunds on Taxes		1,229.87
Refunds on Motor Vehicle Excise		2,023.53
Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Withholding Taxes	47,187.63	
State Withholding Taxes	16,815.06	
County Retirement	8,165.89	
Teachers' Retirement	11,738.77	
Group Health Insurance	7,891.34	
Life Insurance	216.48	
Credit Union	9,400.00	
Teachers' Dues	<u>1,848.00</u>	103,263.17
County Dog Care		516.00
Tax Collector's Fees		759.00
Dog Licenses Collected for County		630.90
Massachusetts Meals Tax		47.85
Cemetery Trust Funds to Savings Accounts		300.00
Ina Merriman Fund		776.93
Belcher Library Fund		94.00
Marina Stanley Library Fund		12.65
School Lunch		20,517.54
Library Extension, Title II		268.49
Ed. Bur. Library Special Grant		269.23
State and County Assessments:		
State Parks and Reservations	10,097.14	
Motor Vehicle Tax Bills	384.30	
County Tax	64,445.10	
County Retirement System	17,950.00	
Veterans' Service Center	3,029.51	
State Audit	174.99	
P.V. Air Pollution Control Board	<u>301.21</u>	96,382.25
Total Payments (Rev. Shar.)		55,138.44
(Anti-Recess.)		3,185.55
(General)		2,834,575.33
Cash on Hand 6/30/77 (Rev. Shar.)		82,016.54
(Anti-Recess.)		1,393.97
(General)		<u>52,035.80</u>
		\$ 3,028,345.63

MODERATOR AND EXPENSE

Appropriation		94.00
Transfer		5.00
Salary	54.00	
Sound System	45.00	99.00

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		2,000.00
Transfer		294.97
Supplies	866.78	
Dues	263.75	

(Sel. Exp. continued)

Telephone	374.52	
Advertisements	103.37	
Mileage and Meetings	390.40	
Lawyers' Co-op. Pub. Co.	222.15	
Copy Machine Repair	74.00	2,294.97

ACCOUNTANT'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		175.00
Supplies	118.87	
Dues and Meetings	50.00	168.87
Balance to Revenue	6.13	175.00

TREASURER'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		1,100.00
Transfer		350.00
Supplies	677.98	
Treasurer's Bond	164.00	
Dues and Meetings	28.00	
Telephone	2.31	
Mileage	72.50	
Office Machine Service	154.40	1,099.19
Balance to 1978	350.00	
Balance to Revenue	.81	1,450.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		1,900.00
Supplies	1,151.76	
Dues	15.00	
Tax Collector's Bond	243.00	
Telephone	42.05	
Book Binding	108.75	
Office Equipment Service	50.31	1,610.87
Balance to Revenue	289.13	1,900.00

ASSESSORS' EXPENSE

Appropriation		1,600.00
Supplies	192.65	
Dues	27.00	
Registry of Deeds	139.50	
Telephone	15.30	
Computer Trust Fund	217.00	
Mileage	82.00	
Meetings	80.50	
Book Binding	36.10	
General Mapping Co.	540.74	
Calculator	150.00	1,480.79
Balance to Revenue	119.21	1,600.00

ASSESSORS REVALUATION

Balance (Rev. Shar.)		386.47
Appropriation (Overlay Reserve)		2,500.00
Payroll	1,183.00	
Supplies	172.56	
Computer Trust Fund	200.00	1,555.56
Balance to 1978	1,330.91	2,886.47

TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		200.00
Supplies	141.60	
Town Clerk's Bond	20.00	
Telephone	28.40	
Dues	10.00	200.00

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Appropriation		3,000.00
Surplus Revenue		616.23
Registrars	1,292.23	
Elections	1,322.09	
Ballots	163.11	
Voting Lists	403.00	
Street Lists	339.57	
Supplies	36.05	
Telephone	.40	3,556.45
Balance to Revenue	59.78	3,616.23

PLANNING BOARD EXPENSE

Appropriation		700.00
Rent Typewriter	47.23	
Telephone	104.67	
Advertisements	95.85	
Postage	16.60	
Print Master Plan	40.84	
Maps	40.00	345.19
Balance to Revenue	354.81	700.00

MASTER PLAN

Balance		1,652.86
Professional Planner	150.00	
Payroll	33.75	
Printer	1,469.11	1,652.86

BOARD OF APPEALS EXPENSE

Appropriation		200.00
Dues	15.00	
Advertisements	59.62	
Postage	82.19	
Telephone	7.16	163.97
Balance to Revenue	36.03	200.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSE

Appropriation		160.00
Dues	45.00	
Meeting	60.87	105.87
Balance to Revenue	54.13	160.00

TOWN HALL

Appropriation		9,000.00
Transfer		604.79
Custodians	3,004.50	
Panic Bars	347.40	
Remove Chimney	50.00	
Carpets	78.50	
Lawn Mower	135.00	
Repairs & Supplies	1,429.75	
Electricity	964.77	
Water	79.20	
Fuel	3,509.48	
Advertisement	6.19	9,604.79

RENOVATE TOWN OFFICES & CLERICAL HELP

Approp. (Title II Anti-Recess. Funds)		4,494.00
Payroll	411.91	
Supplies	13.82	
Wiring	230.97	
Plumbing	908.85	
Typewriter	360.00	
Print Master Plan	1,250.00	3,185.55
Balance to 1978	1,308.45	4,494.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING EXPENSE

Appropriation		7,750.00
Gasoline	3,096.37	
Other Cruiser Expense	762.29	
Scanner & Crystals	139.60	
Typewriter (C.D.)	15.00	
Electricity for Gas Pump	98.94	
Supplies	701.39	
Uniforms & Dry Cleaning	516.37	
Equipment Repair	298.80	
Telephone & Remotes	1,858.29	
Association Dues	50.00	7,537.05
Balance to Revenue	212.95	7,750.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATING EXPENSE

Appropriation		7,500.00
Payroll	3,922.43	
Repairs & Supplies	1,775.96	
Telephone	709.59	
Gasoline	701.69	
Food	42.99	
Dues	60.00	
Education Courses	148.00	7,360.66
Balance to Revenue	139.34	7,500.00

MAINTENANCE OF FIRE STATION & GARAGE

Appropriation		3,000.00
Transfer		1,200.00
Electricity	1,467.84	
Fuel	2,187.81	
Water	73.66	
Ck. Gas Tank for Leaks	87.30	
Bench Vise	34.54	
Exhaust Fan	41.27	
Supplies & Repairs	184.24	4,076.66
Balance to Revenue	123.34	4,200.00

TREE TRIMMING & PLANTING

Appropriation		2,400.00
Payroll	2,267.55	
Supplies & Repairs	122.69	2,390.24
Balance to Revenue	9.76	2,400.00

DUTCH ELM CONTROL

Appropriation		2,000.00
Transfer		500.00
Payroll	1,597.30	
Hired Machinery	810.00	
Repairs	42.60	2,449.90
Balance to Revenue	50.10	2,500.00

INSECT AND PEST CONTROL

Appropriation		413.06
Payroll	144.80	144.80
Balance to Revenue	268.26	413.06

BUILDING COMMISSIONER'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		450.00
Supplies	181.25	
Clerical	120.00	
Mileage	76.62	377.87
Balance to Revenue	72.13	450.00

CIVIL DEFENSE

Balance		1,160.14
Telephone	6.17	
Mileage	139.40	
School	100.00	
Supplies	2.07	247.54
Balance to 1978	912.60	1,160.14

HEALTH

Appropriation		2,000.00
Supplies	246.25	
Clinic Nurses	48.00	
Health Officer	157.50	
Plumbing Inspectors	105.00	
Telephone	108.43	
Vital Statistics	92.00	757.18
Balance to Revenue	1,242.82	2,000.00

DUMP CONTROL

Appropriation		9,500.00
Transfer		10.53
Attendants	4,446.40	
Hired Machinery	3,444.00	
Exterminator	104.00	
Highway Payroll	135.70	
Supplies	21.90	
Fill	1,358.53	9,510.53

NURSE'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		500.00
Supplies	245.44	
Meeting	4.50	
Telephone	120.25	
Cost Report	25.00	
Other	36.42	431.61
Balance to Revenue	68.39	500.00

NURSE'S CAR EXPENSE

Appropriation		700.00
Gasoline & Oil	214.49	
Other	29.33	243.82
Balance to Revenue	456.18	700.00

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF SEWER PLANT

Appropriation		24,350.00
Payroll	12,929.31	
Supplies	1,110.37	
Mileage	12.00	
Telephone	183.88	
Hired Machinery	732.00	
Electricity	5,168.20	
Canadian Railroad	25.00	
Water	79.86	
Shed	300.00	
Repairs	435.09	
Fence	129.00	
Chain	239.43	
Pump	888.54	
Paving	911.50	
Billing	300.00	23,444.18
Balance to Revenue	905.82	24,350.00

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S EXPENSE

Appropriation		500.00
Transfer		1.12
Telephone	320.07	
Supplies	181.05	501.12

HIGHWAY SICK, VACATIONS, HOLIDAYS

Appropriation		6,292.00
Holidays	1,517.60	
Vacations	1,325.53	
Sick Time	476.09	
Bereavement	98.40	3,417.62
Balance to Revenue	2,874.38	6,292.00

MACHINERY MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		21,000.00
Mach. Earnings		2,500.00
From Other Departments		95.74
Payroll	799.34	
Gasoline	7,256.05	
Repairs & Supplies	15,283.57	23,338.96
Balance to Revenue	256.78	23,595.74

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation		24,000.00
Payroll	10,254.38	
Salt	10,654.00	
Sand	2,521.37	
Sidewalks	560.25	23,990.00
Balance to Revenue	10.00	24,000.00

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES & RAILINGS

Balance (Ch. 825 Sec. 1)		4,712.34
Appropriation		25,000.00
Surplus Revenue		25,000.00

Payroll	31,642.35	
Material	12,353.69	
Hired Machinery	3,785.75	
Engineering Fee	500.00	
Weather Forecast	140.00	
Telephone	98.38	
Office Equipment (C.D.)	56.00	
Snow Removal		
Sand	2,766.74	
Payroll	706.25	
Salt	378.96	
Sidewalks	60.50	52,488.62
Balance to Revenue	1,135.72	
Encumbered to 1978	1,088.00	54,712.34

CHAPTER 765 Const. (form. Ch. 90) 1975

Balance		9,658.71
Payroll	5,349.65	
Material	2,888.81	
Town Machinery	1,212.25	
Hired Machinery	208.00	9,658.71

CHAPTER 765 Const. 1975 (form. Ch. 90)

Balance		36,626.00
Payroll	1,106.45	
Material	13,126.28	
Town Machinery	280.05	
Hired Machinery	1,302.29	15,815.07
Balance to 1978	20,810.93	36,626.00

RECONSTRUCT SURFACE OF GULF ROAD

Balance		11,793.70
Appropriation		13,000.00
Payroll	223.40	
Material	24,443.18	24,666.58
Balance to 1978	127.12	24,793.70

PENTECOST ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation		8,000.00
Payroll	999.40	
Material	425.35	
Hired Machinery	238.50	1,663.25
Balance to 1978	6,336.75	8,000.00

SCHOOL

Encumbered from 1976		29,339.32
Appropriation		343,380.00
Refunds		83.85
Teachers' Salaries	202,571.07	
Superintendent's Salary	7,098.00	
Admin. Asst. Salary	2,860.08	
Clerks	5,240.97	
Custodians	13,375.50	
Travel	1,062.38	
Nurse	2,627.04	
Transportation	34,124.50	
Textbooks	1,835.25	
Students' Supplies	5,048.07	
Visual Aids	1,065.44	
Testing Services	438.25	
Sundry Education	857.14	
Course Reimbursement	810.00	
Special Needs	56,527.97	
Census Enumerator	150.00	
Advertisements	51.12	
Counsel Fees	63.62	
Com. Exp., Mbrshp.	2,169.70	
Professional Dues	51.70	
Principal's Office Supplies	39.00	
Physician's Salary	500.00	
Health Supplies	31.05	
Janitor Supplies	1,329.60	
Fuel	13,513.59	
Telephone	452.05	
Water	537.15	
Electricity	6,477.69	
Repairs and Maintenance	4,810.28	
Replacement of Equipment	104.18	
Special Projects	850.00	
Insurance	393.16	
Supt's. Office Expense	2,191.81	
New Equipment	479.53	
Tuition, Other Schools	1,900.00	371,636.89
Balance to Revenue	1,166.28	372,803.17

DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Appropriation		19,576.00
Dog Fund		388.40
State Library Aid		986.63
Payroll	13,048.75	
Telephone	165.02	
Electricity	670.88	
Building Supplies & Repairs	500.73	
Dues	3.00	
Books	3,900.63	
Magazines & Papers	309.45	

(Dickinson Mem. Lib. continued)

Advertising	6.19	
Electrical Work	685.00	
Fuel	1,333.88	
Water	36.00	
Library Supplies	244.42	20,903.95
Balance to Revenue	47.08	20,951.03

INA MERRIMAN LIBRARY FUND

Balance		1,700.00
Interest		86.00
Carpet, Children's Room	776.93	776.93
Balance to 1978	1,009.07	1,786.00

BELCHER LIBRARY FUND INTEREST

Balance		497.25
Interest Receipts		571.92
Books	94.00	94.00
Balance to 1978	975.17	1,069.17

MARINA STANLEY LIBRARY FUND INTEREST

Balance		64.64
Receipts		35.20
Books	12.65	12.65
Balance to 1978	87.19	99.84

DICKINSON LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS

Appropriation (Rev. Shar.)		10,000.00
Advertisement	6.75	
Construction	8,221.60	
Plumbing	875.00	
Wiring	894.00	9,997.35
Balance to Rev. Shar.	2.65	10,000.00

RECREATION COMMITTEE PROGRAMS

Appropriation		6,860.00
Summer Playground Payroll	2,765.00	
Playground Supplies & Equipment	965.18	
Other Instructors	525.70	
Busses	1,012.30	
Rent Pool, Tennis Courts, Gym.	635.00	
Advertisement	9.00	
Basketball League Fee	60.00	
Fish	200.00	
Clear Skating Pond	39.00	
Line Football Field	8.00	
Hayride	60.00	
Winter Carnival	128.28	

(Rec. Comm. Prog. continued)

Softballs & Bats	55.00	6,462.46
Balance to 1978	362.60	
Balance to Revenue	34.94	6,860.00
MEMORIAL AND VETERANS' DAYS		
Appropriation		475.00
Transfer		313.91
Flags	450.21	
Loud Speaker System	30.00	
Plants & Wreath	208.70	788.91

ALEXANDER HALL

Appropriation		400.00
Payroll	215.89	
Freight	9.35	
Supplies	2.34	227.58
Balance to Revenue	172.42	400.00

MAINTENANCE OF ATHLETIC FIELD

Appropriation		500.00
Payroll	353.38	
Lime, Loam	46.75	
Snow Fence	31.95	
Gas & Oil	2.30	434.38
Balance to Revenue	65.62	500.00

TOWN RECORDS COMMITTEE

Balance		175.46
Appropriation (Rev. Shar.)		1,200.00
Transfer		350.00
Payroll	1,048.13	
Professional Archivist	622.10	
Supplies	14.05	
Telephone	16.59	1,700.87
Balance to 1978	24.59	1,725.46

CEMETERIES

Appropriation		5,000.00
Cemetery Commissioner	75.00	
Center Cemetery		
Canadian National Railroad	5.00	
Water	36.00	
Labor	1,189.99	
Gas, Oil	13.04	
Lawnmower (Partial)	110.96	

(Cemeteries continued)

West Northfield Cemetery		
Labor	594.00	
Gas, Oil	10.00	
Equipment	15.96	
Northfield Farms Cemetery		
Labor	251.50	
Gas, Oil	3.99	
Lawnmower (Partial)	25.49	
Mt. Hermon Cemetery		
Labor	174.00	
Gas, Oil	1.12	
Lawnmower (Partial)	13.50	
So. Mountain Cemetery		
Labor	24.00	
Gas, Oil	1.05	2,544.60
Balance to Revenue	2,455.40	5,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Trust and Investment Funds:			
In Custody of Treasurer	\$ 212,953.90	In Custody of Treasurer:	\$ 2,285.11
In Custody of Selectmen	10,323.00	Lottie Evans Charity Fund	3,000.00
In Custody of Trustees	<u>22,800.40</u>	George F. Morgan " "	500.00
		Roselle Evans " "	1,600.00
		Surplus Revenue School Fund	1,250.00
		Belcher Center School Fund	9,739.01
		Belcher Library Fund	3,000.00
		Chas. P. Dickenson Lib. Book Fund	1,009.07
		Ina Merriman Library Fund	2,009.60
		Maude M. Montague " "	100.00
		D. A. R. Book Fund	600.00
		Marina Stanley Book Fund	2,000.00
		Belcher Center Cemetery Fund	500.00
		Mary Callender " "	2,000.00
		James Cowles " "	500.00
		Calvin Stearns " "	7,292.49
		Edward D. Priest " "	2,350.00
		West Northfield " "	5,151.69
		Northfield Farms " "	100.00
		So. Mountain " "	3,050.00
		Mt. Hermon " "	13,738.06
		Center " "	<u>151,178.87</u>
		Stabilization Fund	212,953.90
		In Custody of Selectmen:	
		Elisha Alexander Charity Fund	2,020.00
		Starkweather Charity Fund	8,000.00
		Flora Lane, Cent. Cem.	202.00
		Lucretia Holton, W. Nfld. Cem.	<u>101.00</u>
		In Custody of Trustees:	10,323.00
		Martha Alexander Fund	<u>22,800.40</u>
			\$ 246,077.30

ANNUAL REPORT
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SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
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1977

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mary Llewelyn, Chairman	Term expires 1979
Mrs. Rebecca Fowler, Secretary	Term expires 1978
Mr. Walter Asseng	Term expires 1978
Mr. Chadwick Glover	Term expires 1979
Mrs. Patricia Shearer	Term expires 1980

MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Regular Meetings of the School Committee are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Center School.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Edwin F. Harrington
Westfield State College - B.S.E., M.Ed.
Springfield College - CAGS, Administration
Office - 75 Main Street, Northfield - Tel. 498-2911

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

David E. Zellmer
University of Wisconsin - B.A.

UNION SECRETARIES

Mrs. Helen Mahoney
Mrs. Madelyn J. Page
Mrs. Edith G. Waaser, P.T.

OFFICE HOURS

School Days - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
School Vacations - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PRINCIPAL

John J. Kelley, III - B.S., M.S.E.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

George Harris, Jr., M.D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Karen Marsh, R.N.

*SCHOOL CALENDAR

Schools open September 7, 1977	Close November 23, 1977
Schools open November 28, 1977	Close December 22, 1977
School open January 3, 1978	Close February 17, 1978
Schools open February 27, 1978	Close April 14, 1978
Schools open April 24, 1978	Close June 20, 1978

*Subject to State Requirements

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and the Citizens of Northfield:

The September 1977 enrollment of (253) students continues a pattern of declining student numbers, from a decade high of 325 (1967), to a projected 1978-79 entrance level of (256). Although the present grade and staffing pattern will continue to exist, it does bode modification and responsive alteration to program and service staffs of the future. Past readers may continue to be assured that our core concerns with staff in-service, basic skill competency, enrichment and resource experience, are a vibrant part of our educational commitment--one that we share with parent and home. A six (6) year overview of our K-6 achievement placed Northfield Elementary School well above national norms, and most important, displays consistent growth patterns at each level.

Within a much broader spectrum we realize the euphoria of our Bicentennial Celebration has subsided, and the reality of high energy costs, tight employment, the aftermath of Watergate, Lancegate, Koreagate, area reassessment and rising property taxes, focuses the bright spotlight of disenchantment on local, state and national government. We, the schools, are a part of such government. One of the largest sectors of the Commonwealth's economy is devoted to public elementary and secondary schools. The question of financing public schools in Massachusetts, and indeed in most states, is inseparably connected to the acute financial crises now threatening state and local government. It is related to the degree of equity with which public service, education, is offered to all school children, regardless of the wealth of the communities in which they live. The issue of school finance in Massachusetts is interwoven with a generally excessive and inadequate distribution of the local property tax burden.

It is a well-known fact that the property tax burden in this state is the highest in the nation--it forms almost the only local source of revenue available to towns and cities in the Commonwealth, 82%, with approximately 56% used for public school expenditures. Combine this situation with a three year freeze in state aid to cities and towns (FY76-FY78), and couple with it a declining state share in the total cost of public schools, from 31.8%, (74-75), to approximately 27.8% (77-78), and you form the bedrock of discontent, disenchantment and frustration. This frustration escalates when the public reads about declining SAT scores, inability of high school graduates to read and write and their seemingly general lack of preparation for the world of work. The average citizen also reads about the escalation of negotiation proposals on the same page that details declining enrollment, and further fails to understand that fixed costs attributable to the economy at large, also effect the cost of operating what is probably the largest building in town, housing more people a greater number of days, in an era of service expectation exceeded by no other in history.

How can a society which has moved to wood stoves, expanded gardens and turned down thermostats, be reassured that education is cognizant of the times in which it exists? I feel that education must be responsive at federal, state and local level and that there

is mounting evidence that such shaping is in process as evidenced by the following:

School Finance Reform Bill: A proposed new state aid program that will be phased-in gradually over four years with the state share of the cost of education in the local school district of average wealth increasing from 35% to 50% in 5% annual increments. Conversely, local property taxes would decrease by 5% annually - inequities, reimbursement time-lags and the expenditure driven nature of current formulas would recognize the present burden placed upon local tax revenues.

Decline in Enrollment: Our system, like those across the state and nation, is feeling the result of a declining birth rate, later families, and population movement to expanding areas of the country. We have responded by structuring and reducing our staff across the breadth of Union #18 and Pioneer Valley Regional School, as deemed necessary - action that is difficult, emotion laden, and not devoid of the normal overtones of job security. It is not our intent to strip curriculum or return to classroom sizes of yesteryear, but rather to shape resources that are responsive to changing needs.

Back to Basics Movement: Tight times and a resurgence of that felt to be secure, solid, and productive of result seem to go hand-in-hand. We, the school, have also reacted with greater structure, attention to skills, less elective courses, greater assessment and are rapidly approaching, on state and local level, a form of competency testing at various grade levels in our effort to insure basic minimum competencies felt vital to all students progressing through our schools. Let us proceed with caution lest we 'throw out the baby with the bath water', in an over-zealous effort to balance our school curriculum. Much has been built in recent years that is creative and positive, a recognition of individual student's needs, as well as those responsibilities foisted on the school by society at-large.

Regionalization: A State Board of Education mandate has required study and evaluation of potential K-12 alternative educational structure and report of such by July 1, 1978. The sixteen (16) member Regional Study Committee has of this date directed the administration to notify the Regional State Office and that of the Commissioner, of their desire to maintain existing, autonomous K-6 School Union and partial 7-12 Regional District shape and form. Lack of fiscal incentive (Chap. 492), loss of local town autonomy and the threat of one man-one vote, formed basic rationale for the recommended individual School Committee vote and ultimate notice to the State Board of Education.

Societal Influence: The role of parents, working mothers, the predominance of television in a child's waking hours, the 'graying' of America, and countless other modifying influences place pressure on the school that dilutes its original historic academic purpose. School is the one institution that mandates attendance, because of this it has grown to feed students, administer to their health needs, structure their morals, shape

their career goals and provide recreational pursuits--in short, to fill voids once the province of other institutions of our society. As this new mission grows and is expanded by legislative mandate and regulation, it cannot help but diffuse our historic origin; spread our expertise over a wide area and lessen our energies and resources to educate young minds.

Despair not, for amidst the addition of tasks, the changing face of America and the expansion of state and federal regulatory guideline, we have managed to provide service to children. We feel proud that our students, K-12, have access to and are provided with: speech therapy, psychological testing and counseling, elementary foreign language enrichment, title I funded remedial reading and arithmetic, enrichment and co-curricular activity that has extended learning situations to the museum, library, aquarium, government institution, environmental site, playing field and craft table. We are one of seventeen towns within the Franklin County Collaborative and one of eighteen towns within the Franklin County Voc. Tech. School District, respectively, providing resources that expand a service base to the total educational community.

Northfield Elementary School, a member of the five (5) town Union #18 and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District, share the service of an itinerant staff inclusive of Special Needs persons, nurse, instrumental and vocal music, art and physical education specialists and thus provides a system effort and cost-conscious response to the diversified needs of our student body. We have successfully investigated funding sources and have cooperated in local government efforts to share in broad-based search for expanded resources. More opportunity has been provided and our service to student and parent alike reflects a level second to none in communities of similar size and texture. Despite an occasional voice of the critic, we must proceed, albeit within newly forming parameters, to seek alternative strategies capable of meeting both the times and our student needs. We ask not only your understanding but your continued faith in our efforts to meet this challenge.

This past year, as before, we have felt especially good about parent involvement and cooperation - volunteers, aides, resource persons from the community and area, substantial in number, have provided time, talent, interest and input into a community school that constantly seeks to be responsive to children's needs. We are gratefully aware that we share in a supportive experience; one in which parents and citizens seek to reinforce the developmental task of assisting children to grow to a full awareness of the world about them. We accept our share of responsibility to provide preparatory life skills in a changing world, secure in knowing that this community seeks quality education for its children. We trust that our commitment remains sensitive and responsive to the totality of community needs.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin F. Harrington

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE NORTHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The expansion of the Northfield School Committee to five (5) members reflects the extended areas of responsibility so much a part of today's educational arena - one that mandates participation beyond the boundaries of the elementary school program, and projects a member into regional and union-wide committee assignment. The once-a-month obligation of yesteryear has given way to active involvement in committee and subcommittee assignment at the Regional and Union #18 levels, coupled with countless hours of negotiation assignment at each unit level. No longer can a governmental body function within a single sphere; the interfacing of project applications, long-range program assessment and the need for broader funding, mandates that the school committee maintain an active liason with numerous town officials, citizenry and area system organizations.

Mandated programs highlighted continued search for on-site space and alternative means of maintaining a responsible financial posture. Chapter 766, in its fourth year, placed strain on dollars needed to effect prescriptive programs and continues to create a level of expectation on the part of parent, educator and advocate that, combined with on-going service and energy costs, quickly exhaust resourceful Committee alternatives.

On-going, systematic response to maintenance needs at the two elementary building sites focused on classroom painting, window shade replacement and minor heating refurbishment. Classroom furniture replacement and media equipment experienced a one-year hiatus as the Committee was forced to restrict spending from April to June of FY77 in a budget balancing effort, following unanticipated expansion of special needs assignment program costs.

This past year also found our Committee wrestling with increased service requests against a backdrop of declining enrollment. How one recognizes and meets the desires of a constituency formed from concerned parents, elderly citizens on fixed incomes and those whose support system is limited to the basics of life will continue to provide a challenge in the future.

Participation on a Regional Study Committee Task Force, with mandated response due the State Board of Education by July 1, 1978, resulted in a continued autonomous posture by our Committee. Yet despite concern over legislated school structure, there will be increased need to establish Union-wide strategy and cooperative, shared venture if we are to meet and re-shape a system-wide response to negotiations, declining enrollment, and service stance in school years ahead.

Staff transition continues to be minimal, as Mrs. Lois Barnes transferred with her husband, and Mr. Bruce Garrow assumed teacher-principal responsibilities at the Warwick Elementary School. Within the cafeteria operation, Mrs. Ruth Hartwell resigned, resulting in Mrs. Agnes Caron assuming managerial duties, Mrs. Evelyn Dresser, full-time worker and the part-time helper position was filled by Mrs. Eileen Kelleher. New staff, in the form of Mrs. Mary Knowlton, grade 1, and Mr. David Funkhouser, grade 5, rounded out opening day, September 1977, staff complements.

Despite the shifting complexity of committee role, the increased legal, financial and educational demands; there continues to be positive challenge to a post that is made rewarding by a year of committed staff service, community cooperation, and student success. We, as a Committee, wish to express our appreciation to the many persons involved and to rededicate member efforts to the continuing quest for quality education at the Northfield Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Llewelyn, Chairman
 Rebecca Fowler, Secretary
 Chadwick Glover, PVRs Representative
 Walter Asseng, Union #18 Representative
 Patricia Shearer, F.C. Collaborative
 Representative

ENROLLMENT

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
K (Elem)	16	19	35
1	14	30	44
2	16	14	30
3	20	16	36
4	17	15	32
5	30	16	46
6	17	17	34
	<u>130</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>257</u>
7 (P.V.R.S.)	33	19	52
8	20	33	53
9	13	15	28
10	9	16	25
11	12	21	33
12	15	15	30
	<u>102</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>221</u>

Northfield Mount Hermon	40
Franklin Co. Technical School	37
The Common School	2
Erving Elementary School	1
Austine School	1
Rehabilitation Center	1
Bement School	3

*School Census incomplete (est.)

NORTHFIELD SCHOOL LUNCH - 1977

Opening cash balance		4,706.32
Receipts	19,281.19	
Disbursements	22,654.63	
		(-3,373.44)
Closing cash balance		1,332.88

NORTHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 1977 (K-6)

	Expended 1/1-6/30	Appropriation 1977-78	Expended 7/1-12/31	Budget 1978-79
1000 ADMINISTRATION	8,599.68	17,526.	8,585.36	15,564.
2000 INSTRUCTION	140,522.76	235,861	73,317.61	248,593.
3000 OTHER SERVICES	25,812.02	42,917	16,096.43	46,812.
4000 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	24,076.64	45,836.	18,768.62	54,669.
5000 FIXED CHARGES	1,416.27	3,067.	1,309.50	3,224.
7000 ACQ. OF FIXED ASSETS	357.76	675.		1,219.
9000 OTHER PROGRAMS	21,564.12	30,631.	5,139.32	17,300.
TOTALS	222,349.25	376,513.	123,216.84	387,381.

NET COST OF EDUCATION 1977 (K-12, incl. voc.)

Expenditures (Elementary School)	345,566.09	
Expenditures (P.V.R.S., Northfield's share)	476,511.04	
Expenditures (F.C.T.S., Northfield's share)	<u>82,466.80</u>	904,543.93

Reimbursements:

Chapter 70 (School Aid)	52,944.54
Chapter 71 B (Spec. Needs)	29,475.00
Transportation (Elementary)	19,686.00
Special Needs	21,304.00
Chapter 74 S8A (Voc. Transp.)	855.00
Chapter 74 S10 (Voc. Tuition)	<u>3,947.00</u>
	128,211.54

Reimbursement paid P.V.R.S., (Northfield's share)	97,160.55
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Reimbursement paid F.C.T.S., (Northfield's share)	<u>1,117.02</u>	<u>226,489.11</u>
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Net cost to Schools (K-12 incl. Voc.) \$678,054.82

REIMBURSEMENTS AND NET COST (K-12 incl. Voc.)

Year	Total Cost	Reimbursements	%	Net Cost	Pupils	Cost per pupil
1967	352,174.31	112,251.35	31.9	239,922.73	613	391.39
1968	396,808.04	114,380.65	28.8	282,527.39	614	457.16
1969	413,416.51	137,866.55	30.0	275,549.96	575	479.21
1970	483,898.48	210,542.50	43.5	273,355.98	580	471.30
1971	541,997.36	127,163.50	23.5	414,833.86	602	689.09
1972	613,376.33	170,887.65	27.9	442,488.68	609	726.58
1973	618,182.19	124,892.64	20.2	493,289.46	607	812.67
1974	646,524.03	169,867.49	26.3	476,656.54	612	778.85
1975	723,709.56	126,232.01	17.4	597,477.55	598	999.12
1976	819,249.86	286,016.24	34.9	533,233.62	598	962.52
1977	904,543.93	*226,489.11	*25.0	678,054.82	517	*1,311.52

*Reduced State reimbursements

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SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
1977

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Helen Whipple Chairman	Warwick
Dr. Warren Blake, Vice-Chairman	Northfield
Mrs. Linda Franklin	Bernardston
Mrs. Judith Taylor	Bernardston
Mr. Byron Beckwith	Bernardston
Mr. Raymond Ainsworth	Leyden
Mrs. Dorothy Rumens	Leyden
Mr. Cyril Rumens	Leyden
Mr. Chadwick T. Glover	Northfield
Mr. John Thayer	Northfield
Mrs. Judith Johnson	Warwick
Mr. Robert Foote	Warwick
Mr. Hamilton S. Cregar	Treasurer
Mr. David E. Zellmer	Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL - 1977

To the Superintendent of Schools and the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee:

I herewith submit my tenth annual report as principal of Pioneer Valley Regional School.

During 1977 P.V.R.S. continued to implement the recommendations which were made by the May 1972 visiting evaluation committee of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. My Five-Year Progress Report was submitted to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges in June and Pioneer received notification in July that the Executive Committee of the NEASC accepted the Five-Year Progress Report and our accreditation has been extended for five years - through 1982.

1977 saw a reorganization of our administrative-guidance personnel. The position of Pupil Personnel Director was created. This position brought all of Pioneer's special needs and guidance services/personnel under one director. Also incorporated under our Pupil Personnel Director's areas of responsibility were our occupational education and work/study/work release programs. The remaining reorganized areas include an Assistant Principal with a two hundred (200) day work year and two guidance counselors. With this reorganization Pioneer is in an excellent position to better serve the students and communities of Bernardston, Leyden, Northfield and Warwick more efficiently and effectively.

A rotating Master Schedule was implemented in September for the 1977-78 School Year. This provides both students and staff with a daily rotation in the times/periods when classes meet.

Due to a decreasing school enrollment, the equivalent of two (2) full time classroom teaching positions were eliminated.

ENROLLMENT

Our school enrollment has continued to decline. Our school opened this September with an enrollment of 474. This is a decrease of 40 under last year's September enrollment of 514. Students transferring to the Franklin County Technical School and to Northfield Mount Hermon account for this decrease. It is estimated/projected that our September 1978 enrollment will be approximately 460 students.

The enrollments as of December 1, 1977, were as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Town of:				T	Total
			Nfld.	Bern.	Ley.	War.		
Grade 7	56	48	53	39	8	4		104
Grade 8	40	57	51	31	7	8		97
Grade 9	37	34	30	24	9	8		71
Grade 10	27	40	24	24	11	8		67
Grade 11	23	38	32	18	6	4	1	61
Grade 12	31	45	31	30	14	1		76
	214	262						476

CURRICULUM

As a comprehensive school we have continued to carry out the goal of our stated philosophy - to provide the broadest and most effective educational experiences possible within the limitations of our resources. To meet changing student needs, we continue to offer courses and student activities to encourage flexibility, specialization and individual choice.

We have been fortunate again this year to receive two grants which are the results of projects written by faculty members. They are:

1. Title IVB: Library Media (\$2,200.) - Pioneer's share of \$1100. was realized from this grant which was a joint venture with Northfield Mount Hermon. Audio-visual equipment/supplies, library reference materials were purchased. This sharing of resources between the two schools is a most positive and productive venture.
2. Home Economics (Coping with Life II) - \$5890. was funded for this program which is an extension of our present Coping with Life program. This new program will focus primarily on the needs of the disadvantaged and handicapped students.

Our occupational education nursery school program (CGDI) was transferred to our on-site nursery laboratory facility. Room 38 was remodeled to house this program. The positive aspects of our moving this program to P.V.R.S. were:

1. The elimination of travel time and budgetary costs to the nursery school's previous Northfield site - The Trinitarian Congregational Church.
2. A greater exposure for the nursery school to P.V.R.S. and its facilities.

3. The opportunity for greater involvement by P.V.R.S.'s student body in related nursery school activities.

Pioneer's Competency Testing/Graduation Requirements Committee spent a year investigating minimum competency areas, minimum graduation credit requirements, and various types of diplomas. Competency testing will begin with the Class of 1982 as a pre-requisite to graduation. The minimum graduation credit requirement was increased from 94 to 104 credits beginning with the Class of 1982. Beginning with the Class of 1979, students who have not met the minimum credit requirement for a diploma shall not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremonies.

A Home Economics graduation requirement of $2\frac{1}{2}$ credits was adopted. Beginning with the Class of 1978, all students are required to take a minimum of $2\frac{1}{2}$ credits in one of four human relations programs offered by the Home Economics Department.

CHOSEN CAREERS

The one-hundred members of the Class of 1977 made plans for the future as follows:

4 year college	20	Post graduate work	5	Marriage	6
2 year college	14	Work	38	Undecided	8
				Service	9

39% - pursuing further education

38% - entered the world of work

23% - service, marriage or undecided

IN CONCLUSION

In 1977 as in previous years, any progress/successes that were achieved are directly attributable to the host of both professional and lay people with whom I am associated. I am deeply grateful for the commitments they have given to their school. It takes an entire team of people to make a school system operate effectively. My sincere thanks go to Superintendent Harrington, my School Committee, my faculty and staff, our students, the parents and citizens of our school district for their untiring/unselfish efforts in behalf of their school and its students.

I urge you to visit your school at any time and feel free to offer advice or suggestions. We can only be totally successful when we are all totally knowledgeable and committed to the advantages and rewards of public education.

I shall continue to lead Pioneer with my utmost dedication and concern for all. May each of us profit from having been associated with one another.

Respectfully submitted,
William K. Decker
Principal

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Report of the Treasurer

Fiscal Year 1977

July 1, 1976 - June 30, 1977

Balance on hand July 1, 1976

E & D Capital Surplus	\$	97.02	
E & D Operating Surplus		186,007.47	
Federal - State Programs			
NDEA - Title II	\$	12.47	
Title III-Proj.No.75-292-10		927.62	
Title VI		6.63	
Title VI-B Proj.No.76-750-099		442.62	
George Barden Fund		<u>10.50</u>	1,399.84
Special Funds			
School Lunch		5,900.87	
Athletics - Gate Receipts		868.69	
School Band		728.57	
Student Scholarship Reserve		495.90	
Athletic Equip.-Insur. payment		12.95	
Occupational Ed.Tools-Ins.payment		23.64	
Bicentennial School House		<u>(-789.04)</u>	7,241.58
Reserve for Maturing Debt - Sav. Acct.			1,200.66
Lab.Nursery Tuitions-Adv.payt.77-78		<u>600.00</u>	\$ 196,546.57

Receipts - Capital

Town Assessment Payments

Bernardston	11,557.02	
Leyden	3,990.91	
Northfield	21,700.58	
Warwick	<u>4,323.49</u>	41,572.00

Receipts - Operational

State Reimbursements

Reg. Sch.Aid Ch.71 S16D		
(Ch.492)	95,844.12	
Spec.Needs Ch.71B S13		
(Ch.766)	12,812.00	
Transp.Ch.71 S16C	77,163.00	
Reg.Sch.Aid (Ch.492)		
Bal.FY1976	<u>4,281.61</u>	190,100.73

Town Assessment Payments

Bernardston	301,620.67	
Leyden	97,646.98	
Northfield	380,461.56	
Warwick	<u>71,607.79</u>	851,337.00

Federal - State Programs

NDEA Title II Proj.No.750	447.42	
ESEA Title IV-B FY 1977	2,202.00	
Title VI-B Proj.		
No.77-750-30P	12,000.00	
PL 90-576 Proj.No.CH1677	<u>24,211.00</u>	<u>38,860.42</u>

Carried forward \$1,121,870.15 \$ 196,546.57

Brought forward

\$1,121,870.15 \$ 196,546.57

Receipts - Operational (continued)

Tuitiions

George W. Hayes 2 Students-Pt. time 659.37

Special Funds

School Lunch

Sales	\$ 21,463.60	
Fed.-State Reimb. 1975-76	2,973.15	
1976-77	<u>16,200.15</u>	40,636.90

Sales Tax Collections-Adult
lunch

169.96

Athletics-Gate Receipts	2,909.40	
School Band	25.00	
Stud. Scholarship Reserve (Soda)	1,630.20	
Bicentennial School House	101.00	4,665.60

Other Receipts

Driver Education-Student fees	3,485.00	
Black top Contract-Price reduct.	1,108.25	
Insurance Refund	439.00	
Mini-Course Program-Student fees	432.75	
Occupational Ed.-Sale of shed	300.00	
Lost Books, etc.-Student reimb.	231.54	
Industrial Arts-Shop projects	130.00	
Use of Building	112.50	
School Nurse - Supplies	82.00	
Sale of Occ. Ed. Bus - Derrig	75.00	
Pre-School Workshop Luncheons	70.08	
New Eng. Telephone-Commissions	58.17	
Interest Income-Operating	14,160.27	
Sav. Bank Withdr.-Trust Fds. Sch.	<u>115.00</u>	20,799.56

Adv. payt.-Lab. Nursery Tuitiions 77-78 480.00 \$1,189,281.54

Total Receipts and Holdings

\$1,385,828.11

Disbursements - Capital

Redemption of 2.75% Bonds-Final	\$65,000.00	
Interest payt. 7/1/76-Final	<u>893.75</u>	65,893.75

Disbursements - Operational

Operating Budget

#1000-Administration	31,726.07	
#2000-Instruction	677,435.50	
#3000-Other Services	115,230.08	
#4000-Operation & Maintenance	114,491.91	
#5000-Fixed Charges	52,842.55	
#7000-Acquisition of Equip.	14,012.59	
#9000-Programs with Other Schools	<u>5,544.00</u>	1,011,282.70

Federal - State Programs

NDEA Title II Proj. No. 750	418.81	
ESEA Title IV-B FY1977	1,438.37	
Title VI-B Proj. No. 76-750-099	442.62	
Title VI-B Proj. No. 77-750-30P	12,000.00	
PL90-576 Proj. No. CH 1677	<u>14,715.07</u>	29,014.87

Special Funds			
School Lunch	40,429.07		
Sales Tax Payts.-Comm.of Mass.	169.96		
Athletics-Gate Receipts	3,837.76		
Student Scholarship Reserve			
Scholarship-Jody Morgan	150.00		
Advance to George Warner Fd.-Sch.	15.00		
Supplies - Soda machine	1,291.50		
Bicentennial School House	<u>947.96</u>	46,821.25	
Other Disbursements			
Mini Course Program	432.75		
Pre-Sch. Workshop Luncheons	70.08		
Occ.Ed.Bus Tools-Final replacement	23.64		
Athletic Equip.Ins.-Final purchase	12.95		
Scholarship - Trust Funds			
Leonard Eastman-Lynn Patterson	50.00		
Theodore Cronyn-Paul Gorzocoski	50.00		
George A. Warner-Paula Shores	<u>15.00</u>	<u>654.42</u>	<u>\$1,153,666.99</u>
Balance on hand June 30, 1977			
E & D Operating Surplus		214,579.53	
Federal - State Programs			
NDEA - Title II	41.08		
Title III-Proj.No.75-10	927.62		
Title VI	6.63		
ESEA-Title IV-B FY1977	763.63		
PL90-576 Proj.No.CH1677	9,495.93		
George Barden Fund	<u>10.50</u>	11,245.39	
Special Funds			
School Lunch	6,108.70		
Athletics - Gate Receipts	(- 59.67)		
School Band	753.57		
Student Scholarship Reserve	669.60		
Bicentennial School House	<u>(-1,616.00)</u>	5,856.20	
Adv.payt.-Lab.Nursery Tuitions 77-78		<u>480.00</u>	<u>*232,161.12</u>
			<u>\$1,385,828.11</u>
*Distribution of Cash as of June 30,1977			
Operating Cash on Deposit 6/30/77			
Franklin Co.Trust Co.-Chk.ac.	11,192.67		
Boston Five Cents Sav.-NOW ac.	99,993.97		
Franklin Sav.Inst.-SN Sav. ac.	56,500.00		
Franklin Sav.Inst.-Sav.ac.	80,522.82		
Northampton Sav.Inst.-Sav.ac.	<u>99,191.88</u>	347,401.34	
Less Disbursements as of June 30, 1977			
July,Aug.Salaries-Teachers'FY77	99,541.56		
Clean-up Warrant FY1977	<u>16,098.66</u>	<u>115,640.22</u>	231,761.12
Add			
Treasurer's Petty Cash-Trust Co.ac.			<u>400.00</u>
Cash Position as of June 30, 1977			*\$ 232,161.12

Trust Funds - Scholarship Accounts

Balance on hand July 1, 1976		\$ 1,856.21	
Receipts			
George A. Warner Sch.	10,000.00		
Fd.-Bequest			
George A. Warner Fund-Bequest	500.00		
Interest-All funds 7/1/76-6/30/77	<u>587.94</u>	<u>11,087.94</u>	\$ <u>12,944.15</u>
Disbursements - Scholarships			
Leonard Eastman-Lynn Patterson	50.00		
Theodore Cronyn-Paul Gorzocski	50.00		
George A. Warner-Paula Shores	<u>15.00</u>	115.00	
Balance on hand June 30, 1977		<u>12,829.15</u>	\$ <u>12,944.15</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Hamilton S. Cregar

District Treasurer

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT OF THE TREASURER

FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF FISCAL YEAR 1978
JULY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1977

Balance on hand July 1, 1977	\$231,761.12	
Receipts-July 1-Dec. 31, 1977	<u>489,516.32</u>	
	721,277.44	
Less Disbursements, July 1-Dec. 31, 1977	<u>425,695.94</u>	
Balance on hand December 31, 1977		\$ 295,581.50
Add Treasurer's Petty Cash		<u>400.00</u>
		\$ <u>295,981.50</u>

Distribution of Funds - Operating

Franklin County Trust Co., checking	31,237.86	
Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, NOW	33,318.94	
Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, Special Notice	40,000.00	
Franklin Savings Institution, Regular	52,332.82	
Franklin Savings Institution, Special Notice	56,500.00	
Northampton Institution for Savings, Regular	62,191.88	
Northampton Inst. for Savings, 1-yr. Term Cert.	<u>20,000.00</u>	
		295,581.50
Treasurer's Petty Cash, Separate checking, Franklin Co. Trust Co.		<u>400.00</u>
		<u>\$295,981.50</u>

Trust Funds - Scholarships

Balance on hand July 1, 1977	\$12,844.15	
Balance on hand December 31, 1977		\$ <u>12,844.15</u>
<u>Distribution of Funds - Trusts</u>		
Franklin Savings Institution, Special Notice	\$ 1,867.42	
Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, 4-yr. Term Cert. (7½%)	<u>10,976.73</u>	\$ <u>12,844.15</u>

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 1977

	FISCAL YEAR 1977		FISCAL YEAR 1978		FY 1979
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	6 Mos. Exp.	Budget
1000 ADMINISTRATION	35,007	31,726	34,686	16,677	37,849
2000 INSTRUCTION	706,855*	677,435	744,567	253,103	778,823
3000 OTHER SERVICES	118,237*	115,230	122,084	45,899	116,323
4000 OPERAT. & MAINT.	114,262**	114,492	107,194	46,579	119,113
5000 FIXED CHARGES	55,854	52,843	59,725	27,760	66,484
7000 ACQ. FIXED ASSETS	14,381	14,013	14,016	11,403	6,517
9000 PROG. WITH OTHERS	7,534	5,544	6,953	4,141	3,525
	<u>1,052,130</u>	<u>1,011,283</u>	<u>1,089,225</u>	<u>405,562</u>	<u>1,128,634</u>

*Reassignment of Nurse's Salary to 3000 account following negotiations.

**Transfer from E & D voted by Committee 3/24/77 = \$3,500.

FISCAL YEAR 1979
OPERATING BUDGET

1000 ADMINISTRATION	\$37,849.00	
2000 INSTRUCTION	778,823.00	
3000 OTHER SERVICES	116,323.00	
4000 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	119,113.00	
5000 FIXED CHARGES	66,484.00	
7000 ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	6,517.00	
9000 PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS	<u>3,525.00</u>	\$1,128,634.00

Reduced by:

ANTICIPATED STATE REIMBURSEMENTS (78 Cherry Sheet)

Regional School Aid (Chap.492)

Special Needs (Chap.766)

Transportation

Occupational Education \$153,000.00

LATE FY1977 STATE REIMBURSEMENTS 50,000.00

MISCELLANEOUS-INTEREST, TUITIONS, FEES 21,500.00

TRANSFER FROM E & D OPERATING SURPLUS 50,416.00

274,916.00

TO BE APPORTIONED AMONG MEMBER TOWNS

853,718.00

Apportionments:

Bernardston 161.5/ 469 293,977.52

Leyden 54.5/ 469 99,206.03

Northfield 221. / 469 402,285.03

Warwick 32. / 469 58,249.42

853,718.00

December 31, 1977

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To the citizens of Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Heath, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Rowe, Shelburne, Sunderland, Warwick, Wendell, and Whately.

With the close of 1977, Franklin County Technical School has been in operation for one and a half years. Many steep hills have been climbed to reach the top of the mountain. The view of the bright sunlight is quite rewarding. There are many small clouds ahead that will shade this sun, but with the vigorous work of your committee, administration, faculty, staff, advisory committees and you the taxpayer, we can become the finest vocational technical high school in the state.

Many sub-committees this year have worked long hours and many nights to build effective employment contracts for teachers and staff. Also, a number of meetings have been devoted to budget preparations this year.

Five resignations from the Committee occurred in 1977 -- Judith Beckwith of Bernardston, Francis Dubay, Sr. of Erving, Domenic Ferrante of Greenfield, John Riggan of Rowe, and Joyce Ray of Warwick. This school gained a lot by their long and many hours of work. Their towns should commend them for it. They were replaced by William Cameron of Bernardston, Harold Reed of Erving, Frank Sussenberger of Greenfield, Charles Ogren of Rowe, and David Ray of Warwick. Three vacancies which we had at the beginning of the year are filled by Robert Gruen of Heath, Donald O'Hara of Montague and Paul Westbrook of Wendell.

The Committee, staff, and student body were saddened this year by the death of two faculty members -- Harrison L. Barrows, Sr., Instructor in House Carpentry, and Charles Hammann, Jr., Instructor in Vocational Agriculture. Both of these gentlemen will leave a significant gap in our educational community. Also, Mrs. Patricia Clark, Financial Secretary, left school district employment during the year. She was a dedicated worker.

In an attempt to make the Tech School a beneficial community center, a great deal of effort was expended on encouraging wide-spread use of the school facilities. Many organizations visited our school and used our staff and building extensively. Also, the Committee attempted to reach out to the communities to enable the area school committees to learn more about our school. Introductory meetings were held with the School Committees of Frontier, Pioneer, New Salem, and Gill-Montague.

On behalf of the Committee, I wish to thank Superintendent-Director, James J. O'Neil, Jr., his administrative team, secretarial and custodial staff, faculty, advisors, municipal officials and area educators for their assistance during the year. I look forward to another year of fine cooperation between the School District and the communities which have helped to make Franklin County Technical

School a great opportunity for all students in Franklin County.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence H. Warner
Chairman

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

December 31, 1977

Bernardston:	William Cameron	Heath:	Robert Gruen
Buckland:	Robert MacGregor, III	Montague:	Charles Gloski
Colrain:	William Dornbusch		Donald O'Hara
Conway:	George Eldridge	New Salem:	Harold Overing
Deerfield:	David Filkins	Northfield:	Marian Holbrook
Erving:	Harold Reed	Rowe:	Charles Ogren
Gill:	Shirley Flagg	Shelburne:	Harold Harris
Greenfield:	Marilyn Lee	Sunderland:	Clarence Warner
	Paul Viens	Warwick:	David Ray
	Jane Dutcher	Wendell:	Paul Westbrook
	Frank Sussenberger	Whately:	Jane Grybko

REPORT OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

For The Calendar Year January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT-DIRECTOR

I am pleased to submit this as my second annual administrative report. As in my first report, I shall attempt to summarize the more significant activities that contributed to our school's growth and development during this past year. I shall close this report with a brief analysis and projection of the Tech School's future.

In this, the second year of our school's operation, all previous enrollment projections have been exceeded. The October 1, 1977 enrollment was 770. Of this number, approximately thirty-two percent were female. It is estimated that this student category will increase to about forty-two percent by 1980. At this writing, one out of every four Grade 9-12 students in Franklin County is attending the Tech School. The anticipated enrollment for school year 1978-79 is 850.

During this past year, a number of important changes were made in our basic studies curriculum. Although this school's programs were planned to integrate a strong measure of essential competencies into the core subjects, our Math and Science Curricula were strengthened to include a firmer connection to the World of Work. Also, since the initial year's exploratory ninth grade program was not entirely satisfactory, a number of beneficial changes were incorporated to broaden the choices for career exploration.

The opening of three shops -- Distributive Education, Metal Fabrication, and Plant Maintenance made the school fully operational with eighteen trade and technical occupational programs.

The continuing heavy enrollments in Special Needs Programs has resulted in a strengthening of the entire Special Education Department. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts enabled our school to receive a Special Education Program Audit during this school year. It should pin point those areas that need further refinement.

The Athletic Program, under the guidance of Athletic Director Ray Willis, made great strides in expanding the variety of school sports to more male and female students. Our first Cross Country Team placed very high in County competition. Our softball, track and field, soccer and basketball teams all gave very impressive first year performances. The cheering squad, activated during the basketball season, gave an added flourish to all of the sports programs. In addition, the Art and Music programs combined on a number of successful ventures. Perhaps the most outstanding extra-curricular program was the Spring Festival directed by Thelma Moeckel. The proceeds from this popular program went toward the purchase of band and choral uniforms.

An unexpected bonus during 1977 was the award of a Federal Construction Grant of\$225,000. The money will be used to build physical education and athletic fields which were left out of the original building plans because of tight finances.

A major event this past year was the inauguration of the Adult Education Evening Program. Over (350) adults registered for 19 trade and technical career programs. Dr. Edward Lareau, Evening School Director, has projected a 1978 evening student increase to about (500).

As part of our plans to utilize this school as a training vehicle for a variety of work experiences, our school became the Coordinator for an eight high school CETA Consortium for youth employment training. Also, three late afternoon Adult Work Experience contracts were signed with CETA for the 1977-78 school year.

Among other firsts during this school year was the awarding of our first House Carpentry Building Contract. A large Colonial house is being built on Turnpike Road in Turners Falls for a Montague couple. An Open House is planned for May. The first Teachers' Association - School Committee Employment Contract was ratified during this school year. It is a three year contract, and it promises to become a major tool in effective personnel management. Another first was the addition of elected student school committee members and student government representatives to the State Good Government Program. The first School Newspaper, the first Yearbook, and the first Awards' Banquet and Graduation were all part of this busy first school year.

Since the major goal of vocational education is "to prepare students to seek, acquire and succeed in a specific trade, technical, or occupational field", a new position was authorized this year -- that of Vocational Placement Counselor. This counselor's primary task will be to assist post graduates, seniors, and job ready juniors in entering full-time employment fields. Also, since Voc-Tech Education uses cooperative work experience as a valuable pre-job training tool, the job counselor also coordinates this program. Last year's graduating class, a very small one, were all successfully placed. This year's graduating senior class will be the first major test of our job placement and training programs.

In closing, I would like to document what I believe to be the major programmatic projections in Franklin Tech's future. It appears certain that the presently scheduled day school programs have exceeded capacity. Yet it is equally obvious that there remain a large number of student applicants who we cannot accommodate. Therefore, it is essential that some orderly and systematic planning process for future growth begin immediately. All of the County high schools have a major stake in this plan and, therefore, will be invited as planning participants. Alternate programming, whether it is half day, satellite, late afternoon, or year round school models must be developed for as early as 1980.

Also, it seems equally certain that there will be a significant growth in the demand for adult career training programs. Therefore, this institution must be prepared to cooperate with all of the area's employment training facilities such as CETA, DES and GCC to jointly plan non-duplicative service centers.

Energy costs, inflation, and negotiated personnel costs are placing public education in a seriously negative financial posture. Stringent efforts will be necessary to develop fiscally responsive budgets that will address the problem areas and yet remain educationally sound. A trend towards measured cost, effective staffing, and services can be expected in all future programming.

Finally, a comment must be made relative to the present unstable local-state relationship, especially regarding reimbursement monies. Regional Vocational-Technical Schools were planned and budgeted on the good faith assumption by Franklin County citizenry that the state would honor its lawful obligations. Every specialized training facility such as our regional vocational technical school operates under a higher per pupil cost status than the comprehensive schools. By law this cost is offset by a more equitable state reimbursement formula. Unfortunately, our program plans and budgets are prepared on future estimated state receipts which have recently been seriously under funded. If the Commonwealth continues to erode local confidence and, consequently, hinders the development of fiscally sound programmed budgets -- everyone will be the poorer for it.

Despite minor set backs, this year, has been a great educational experience at Franklin Tech. I would like to extend my appreciation to the staff and student body for making it so rewarding. Also, I wish to thank the hundreds of parents, townspeople, business and industrial supporters, and my area fellow educators for giving so generously of their time and talents toward our common goals.

Finally, I wish to express my gratitude to you, Mr. Chairman, and your fellow Committee Members. Your constant support, encouragement, and confidence in my administration this year is sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. O'Neil, Jr.

Superintendent-Director

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 1979 BUDGET
FINAL APPROVAL JANUARY 11, 1978

RECAPITULATION

OPERATING

1000 ADMINISTRATION	\$ 93,950.
2000 INSTRUCTION	1,389,475.
3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	353,630.
4000 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	307,520.
5000 FIXED CHARGES	132,100.
7000 ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	183,575.
SPECIAL EDUCATION	107,300.
OCCUPATIONAL EVENING PROGRAM	<u>35,700.</u>
OPERATING TOTAL	\$ 2,603,250.
LESS ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENT	<u>- 659,250.</u>
TOTAL OPERATING TO BE ASSESSED TO TOWNS	\$ 1,944,000.

CAPITAL

8000 DEBT RETIREMENT	\$ 345,000.
DEBT SERVICE	<u>370,560.</u>
CAPITAL TOTAL	\$ 715,560.
LESS ESTIMATED REIMBURSEMENT	<u>- 384,560.</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL TO BE ASSESSED TO TOWNS	\$ 331,000.

Summary

Operating and Capital Budget Total	\$3,318,810.
Less Estimated Reimbursements	<u>-1,043,810.</u>
Total Assessment to Towns	\$2,275,000.

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR 1979 BUDGET ASSESSMENT
7/1/78 Through 6/30/79
TOTAL ASSESSED BUDGET \$2,275,000.

TOWN	OPERATING %	OPERATING SHARE	SPECIAL OPERATING %	SPECIAL SHARE	TOTAL OPERATING SHARE	CAPITAL %	CAPITAL SHARE	TOTAL ASSESSMENT
BERNARDSTON	4.90	93,506.70	3.53	1,260.21	94,766.91	3.000	9,930.00	104,696.91
BUCKLAND	3.95	75,377.85	.32	114.24	75,492.09	3.105	10,277.55	85,769.64
COLRAIN	3.41	65,073.03	2.24	799.68	65,872.71	3.165	10,476.15	76,348.86
CONWAY	3.00	57,249.00	1.92	685.44	57,934.44	2.065	6,835.15	64,769.59
DEERFIELD	9.81	187,204.23	5.45	1,945.65	189,149.88	8.820	29,194.20	218,344.08
ERVING	3.41	65,073.03	1.92	685.44	65,758.47	6.255	20,704.05	86,462.52
GILL	3.41	65,073.03	1.60	571.20	65,644.23	2.385	7,894.35	73,538.58
GREENFIELD	29.02	553,788.66	37.82	13,501.74	567,290.40	29.750	98,472.50	665,762.90
HEATH	.81	15,457.23	.32	114.24	15,571.47	1.160	3,839.60	19,411.07
MONTAGUE	19.62	374,408.46	34.62	12,359.34	386,767.80	13.480	44,618.80	431,386.60
NEW SALEM	.95	18,128.85	.32	114.24	18,243.09	1.105	3,657.55	21,900.64
NORTHFIELD	5.45	104,002.35	5.77	2,059.89	106,062.24	5.455	18,056.05	124,118.29
ROWE	1.23	23,472.09	0	0	23,472.09	7.970	26,380.70	49,852.79
SHELBURNE	3.81	72,706.23	2.24	799.68	73,505.91	3.365	11,138.15	84,644.06
SUNDERLAND	2.18	41,600.94	.96	342.72	41,943.66	4.630	15,325.30	57,268.96
WARWICK	1.23	23,472.09	.32	114.24	23,586.33	1.000	3,310.00	26,896.33
WENDELL	1.36	25,952.88	0	0	25,952.88	0.880	2,912.80	28,865.68
WHATELY	2.45	46,753.35	.65	232.05	46,985.40	2.410	7,977.10	54,962.50
	100.00%	\$1,908,300.00	100.00%	\$35,700.00	\$1,944,000.00	100.000%	\$331,000.00	\$2,275,000.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT 1977

It is extremely important that the Vital Statistics records be complete and correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered, the Clerk will deem it a favor to have them reported at once so that any corrections may be made.

As required by Chapter 46, Section 15, General Laws of Massachusetts:

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and registered hospital officers applying for the same.

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1977

DATE	PARENTS
January	
5 Cram, Richard Furness III	Richard F., Jr. & Lee
29 Noyes, Brian Jason	Ronald J. & Sheila R.
February	
26 Foster, Travis James	Timothy R. & Leatha A.
March	
31 Walsh, Ryan Mullens	Michael F. & Jean M.
April	
1 Roszkowski, Sarah Elizabeth	Robert J. & Susan M.
20 Murley, Rebecca Jean	Daniel R. & Debra L.
22 LaFoe, David Allan	Forrest C. & Carrie M.
May	
24 Deome, Arthur Richard, Jr.	Arthur R. & Susan B.
June	
11 Morgan, Adam Walter	Walter C. & Karen L.
July	
11 Forrest, Melinda Louise	William L., Jr. & Nancy L.
20 Wright, Kristin Elizabeth	Raymond R. & Karen M.
25 Barrett, Kelly Yolanda	Joseph J., Jr. & Marilyn L.
30 Cardinal, Jason Paul	Bernard P., Sr. & Betty J.
August	
9 Tyler, Heather Theresa	Dennis E. & Elaine T.
30 Graves, Christina Nicole	Bruce O. & Judith A.
September	
6 Mitchum, Jennifer Anne	Christopher & Cynthia C.
8 Glazier, Eric Michael	Harry L. & Margaret
20 Crochier, Kellyanne Lyn	Leslie C. & Carol L.
24 Lapine, Michael David	William & Elizabeth L.
October	
16 Goodwin, Mary Elizabeth	Alfred B. & Carolyn E.
20 Quinn, Theresa Marie	David G., Jr. & Paula M.
30 Barnes, Jason Raymond	Raymond M. & Patti J.
November	
3 Powers, Todd Francis	David L. & Debra L.

November

7 Grady, Brian Albert
17 Holloway, Angela Marie

Philip R. & Beverly L.
David J. & Donna M.

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1977

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs.</u>	Age <u>Mos.</u>	<u>Days</u>
January				
11	Parsons, Harold Edward	78	8	16
17	Grof, Martha (Moeller)	85	0	1
28	Streeter, Herbert H.	78	1	13
March				
7	Strange, Robert Ray	92	2	2
14	George, Constantine D.	84	10	11
April				
6	Caldwell, Fredrick W.	71	5	30
24	Hooper, Alice (Furnivall)	80	4	25
May				
3	Goodspeed, Lucian Percy	91	8	0
29	Pallam, Fred Thomas	98	10	20
June				
17	Pearsall, Frank W.	81	1	7
25	Bistrek, Stanley T.	66	7	3
July				
31	Rutkowski, Clarence Theodore	66	8	19
August				
21	Henry, Lawrence R.	25	1	0
27	Davis, Eleanor Lincoln	78	9	13
September				
17	Pearsall, Agnes Laing	75	4	1
21	Pfersick, Conrad R.	54	9	12
October				
28	Amidon, Hayden Charles	56	10	28
November				
16	Hall, Edith Mason	92	9	24
18	Skinner, Dorothy Weeks	78	10	10
December				
14	Byron, Mary Evelyn (Robson)	88	10	18

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1977

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name & Residence</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>
March		
✓ 12	Tracy, Gary Lee, Wilmington, Vt. Stearns, Lorrie May, Wilmington, Vt.	Northfield, Mass.
✓ 18	Woolley, Stanley Marsh, Jr., Lenox, Ma. Reynolds, Joan (Morrow), Northfield, Ma.	Springfield, Mass.

April

24 Smolen, Gary Kent, Northfield, Ma. Gill, Mass.
Newcomb, Bonnie Lee, Greenfield, Ma.

21 Livermore, Mark William, Deerfield, Ma. Deerfield, Mass.
Levine, Nancy Larocca, Northfield, Ma.

May

7 Alves, Joseph Frederick, Northfield, Ma. Turners Falls, Ma.
Hanyon, Naomi (Rought), Northfield, Ma.

21 Hofferberth, Carl Frederick, Northfield, Ma. Northfield, Mass.
Dorsey, Judith Ann (Kiraly), Northfield, Ma.

29 Johnson, David Marshall Jr., Northfield, Ma. Montague, Mass.
Poirier, Rebecca Lee, Turners Falls, Ma.

June

18 Sevene, Robert John, Northfield, Ma. Greenfield, Mass.
Rowell, Patricia Ann, Northfield, Ma.

25 Pederzini, Tullio Sergio, Greenfield, Ma. Greenfield, Mass.
Papke, Tammy Jean, Northfield, Ma.

July

9 Bruno, Leonard R., Greenfield, Ma. S. Vernon, Vermont
Kimball, Marjorie H., Northfield, Ma.

9 Chambers, Kimball Frank, Northfield, Ma. Florida, Mass.
Brayman, Sherry Lynne, Florida, Ma.

16 Zamojski, Steven Edward, Greenfield, Ma. Northfield, Mass.
Derrig, Lorraine Cassi (Tie), Greenfield, Ma.

16 Rosser, Robert Thomas, Athol, Ma. Northfield, Mass.
Chaisson, Rosalie May (Robinson), Athol, Ma.

16 Browning, Brian Jason, Millers Falls, Ma. Greenfield, Mass.
Roscoe, Nancy Ann, Northfield, Ma.

28 Furtado, Joseph Daniel, Montague, Ma. Northfield, Mass.
Burke, Patricia Anne, Montague, Ma.

August

6 Day, John Francis, Northfield, Ma. Greenfield, Mass.
Lapointe, Elizabeth Mary, Greenfield, Ma.

20 Streeter, Ralph Herman, Greenfield, Ma. Northfield, Mass.
Quinn, Joanne May, Northfield, Ma.

27 Rivest, James Arthur, Plymouth, Mich. Northfield, Mass.
Huber, Kathleen Ann, Northfield, Ma.

September

17 Sproule, John Crossley, Alexandria, Va. Northfield, Mass.
Bigelow, Debra Myree, Alexandria, Va.

October

8 Keith, Donald A., Erving, Ma. Northfield, Mass.
Fiske, Regina M. (Vincent), Erving, Ma.

22 Hicks, Gerald Charles, Jr., Northfield, Ma. Greenfield, Mass.
Call, Sharon Marie, Northfield, Ma.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JANUARY 26, 1977

Approximately 200 voters assembled in accordance with the Warrant at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Corys M. Heselton was nominated to act as Moderator, who then called the meeting to order. Rev. Chester Seamans gave the invocation.

Article 1. (Motion to pass over Article 1 defeated, Yes 15 - No 127.) AMENDED & VOTED: Yes 171, No 9, That the Town instruct the Selectmen to write a letter of interest to the Board of Trustees of the Northfield Mount Hermon School in respect to obtaining the so-called Inn property, and/or 22 to 45 acres of Schell Pool lot.

Article 2. VOTED: That the Town authorize a committee to be appointed by the Selectmen for the purpose of advising the Town about the feasibility of purchasing the so-called Inn property, consisting of 175 acres, more or less, and owned by the Northfield Mount Hermon School; such committee to have seven (7) members, composed of 1 Finance Committee member, 1 Planning Board member, 1 Recreation Commission member, 1 Conservation Commission member and 3 other citizens of the Town; said committee to present its recommendations no later than September 15, 1977.

Article 3. VOTED: That the Town transfer from its Title II Anti-Recession Fiscal Assistance Fund, the sum of \$4,494.00 already received by the Town, to be expended for renovations within the Town Hall for existing office space and for clerical assistance required for general municipal purposes.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST: Horace F. Field
 Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 2 and 3, 1977

The polls were opened at ten A.M. and closed at eight P.M. and it was determined that 807 votes had been cast with the following results:

Town Clerk, one year	
Horace F. Field	766
Blanks	41
Selectman, three years	
Joseph Medeiros	263
Carolyn B. Parenteau	531
Blanks	13
Assessor, three years	
Donald C. Henderson, Jr.	451
Kenneth Lee Miller	350
Blanks	6

School Committee, three years	
Cynthia D. Mitchum	303
Patricia E. Shearer	490
Blanks	14
Library Trustees, three years	
Mary E. Metcalf	489
Carol Thompson O'Brien	439
Susan P. Roszkowski	474
Blanks	212
Cemetery Commissioner, three years	
Horace F. Field	767
Anne Gates	1
Blanks	39
Planning Board, five years	
Bruce K. Canney	234
Harold A. Newton	548
Blanks	25
Planning Board, two years	
Edwin H. LaMontagne	354
Helen S. Monroe	419
Blanks	34
Board of Health, three years	
John F. Ladd	497
Christine Lai	286
Blanks	24
Constables at large, three years	
Joseph J. DeMaria	587
James T. Jurek	260
Joseph G. Morgan	556
David J. Mroczek	303
James B. O'Shea	519
Blanks	196
Constable from Northfield Farms, three years	
Patricia A. Lemon	184
William J. Young	587
Blanks	36
Sewer Commissioner, three years	
Herbert H. Maynard	416
David H. Stone	366
Blanks	25
Recreation Commissioners, three years	
Mary L. Field	500
Deborah J. Gleason	262
Jeanette C. Tessier	361
Raymond A. Tillson	387
Blanks	104

After reading the above results, the meeting was dissolved.

ATTEST: Horace F. Field
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 3, 1977

Approximately 200 voters assembled in accordance with the Warrant at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mr. George M. Leonard, Moderator. A prayer was read by the Moderator, and the colors were presented by Terry Parker and Peter McAndrews of Boy Scout Troop 9.

The reading of the Warrant was waived, and the following articles were acted upon:

Article 1. VOTED: That the Town hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissioners and Trustees.

Article 2. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of revenue for the current fiscal year beginning July 1, 1977, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one (1) year, in accord with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year, in accord with said General Laws Chapter 44, Section 17, any debt or debts incurred hereunder to be paid from the revenue of said fiscal year.

Article 3. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to employ legal counsel for general purposes, and to prosecute or bring suits for the Town and to defend the Town in any suit or other legal action brought against the Town, all in accord with the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5, Clauses 16 and 16A.

Article 4. VOTED: That the Town, under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 100E of the General Laws, as amended, indemnify the Selectmen and any other municipal officers designated by said Board of Selectmen for expense or damages incurred by such an official or officer in the defense or settlement of a claim against him, provided such claim arose when such official or officer was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment, and further provided that the defense or settlement of such claim shall have been made by the Town Counsel, or by an attorney legally employed for the purpose by the Town, or by an attorney furnished by an insurer obligated under such terms of a policy of insurance to defend the Town against such claim.

Article 5. VOTED: That the Moderator read the amounts recommended by the Finance Committee to be raised and appropriated under the Article, and unless objection is made, each item recommended in the report of the Finance Committee shall be tentatively accepted as appropriated for the purpose stated. If objection is made to any recommendation, such appropriation shall be taken up separately and the amount thereof and the manner of making the same shall be determined by vote of the meeting and tentatively accepted, and after all appropriations have been tentatively accepted, one vote shall be taken appropriating each amount so accepted as a single appropriation, not to be exceeded.

APPROPRIATIONSFY 1978

Moderator, Salary & Expense	\$	100.00
Selectmen		2875.50
Chairman	\$995.50	
Other Members	940.00	
Expense		2000.00
Secretary		2667.00
Accountant		4000.00
Expense		175.00
Legal Expense		4500.00
Treasurer		2415.00
Expense		1250.00
Tax Collector		2278.00
Expense		2000.00
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs		350.00
Protection of Tax Title Property		25.00
Assessors		2560.00
Chairman	\$890.00	
Others	835.00	
Expense		1700.00
(+ Filing Cabinet)		100.00
Town Clerk		1365.00
Expense		200.00
Election & Registration		2500.00
Planning Board Expense		700.00
Board of Appeals Expense		200.00
Nurse & Substitute		13000.00
Nurse's Expense		800.00
Homemaker/Home Health Aide Services		5000.00
Clerk		2667.00
Car Expense		700.00
Inspection of Animals		477.00
Sewer Commissioner's Salary		618.00
Each Commissioner	\$206.00	
Sewer Commission Expense		75.00
Operation & Maintenance of Sewers		25050.00
Highway Supt. Expense		750.00
Highway Tools		1500.00
Highway Sick Leave, Vacations, Holidays		7000.00
Sidewalks		1000.00
Street Lights		30000.00
Highway Bounds, Surveys, Street Lists		50.00
Soldier's Relief		4500.00
Elementary School Committee Salaries		835.00
Finance Committee Expense		150.00
Town Hall		10000.00
Police Chief Salary		13900.00
Special Police Salaries		6200.00
Police Dept. Operating Exp. & Equip.		8000.00
Police Dept. Secretary		2666.00
Conservation Commission Expense		200.00
Fire Department Salaries		750.00
Fire Chief	\$440.00	
Forest Fire Warden	180.00	
Secretary	130.00	

Fire Dept. Operating Expense	8500.00
Fire Dept. Hose & Equipment	2500.00
Hydrants	500.00
Water Holes	1000.00
Maintenance of Fire Station & Garage	4000.00
Public Safety	100.00
Wire Inspector	100.00
Tree Trimming & Planting	2700.00
Dutch Elm Control	2000.00
Insect and Pest Control	413.06
Dog Officer & Expense	400.00
Board of Health	618.00
Each Member	\$206.00
Health	2000.00
Dump Control	9500.00
Elementary Schools	376513.00
PVRS Capital	---
PVRS Operating	415931.12
Franklin County Technical School Dist. Capital	19066.93
Franklin County Technical School Dist. Operating	102744.99
Town Reports	1500.00
Memorial & Veterans Day	525.00
Alexander Hall	400.00
Insurance	30000.00
Chapter 32B	18000.00
Town Clock	150.00
Land Damage	100.00
Historical Society Building	200.00
Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers, Field Drivers	25.00
Maintenance of Athletic Field	600.00
Recreation Commission Program	6860.00
Cemeteries	5000.00
Slate House	---
Interest	100.00
Historical Commission	200.00
Building Commissioner	4000.00
Expense	450.00
Dickinson Memorial Library	22730.00
Field Library	250.00
Reserve Fund, Chap. 59, Sec. 25 (transferred from Overlay Reserve)	8000.00
Stabilization Fund, Chap. 40, Sec. 5b	

(Article 5. Motion 2.) VOTED: That all the salaries of each elected official for the Fiscal Year 1978 be fixed at the amount hereafter appropriated therefor.

(Article 5. Motion 3.) AMENDED & VOTED: That all appropriations having been tentatively accepted, one vote shall be taken appropriating each amount accepted as a single appropriation not to be exceeded.

The following Resolution was read by Mrs. Carolyn B. Parenteau:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the efficient administration of Town affairs is achieved through the largely voluntary assumption of official responsibilities by elected or appointed officers combined with the loyal and faithful service of salaried employees, and,

WHEREAS certain persons have during the past year concluded periods of service during which they have made substantial contributions to the public weal,

BE IT RESOLVED that the names and nature of service by the following named persons be herewith noticed and recorded in the minutes of this Annual Town Meeting of May 1977 in grateful recognition of their work on behalf of the Town:

Ronald R. Findlay - Planning Board
Laurence M. Hammond - Board of Registrars
Catherine E. Gilbert - Election Officer
Mary L. Holton - Substitute Election Officer
Harvey H. Hatheway - Board of Appeals
Stanley Wickey - Finance Committee
Carolyn M. Spencer - Conservation Commission
Fred A. Avery - Conservation Commission
Richard Lawson - Conservation Commission
Michael J. Whiteman - Conservation Commission
Horace F. Field - Civil Defense Director
Alan S. Bolton - Superintendent of Streets
Donald E. Turner - Acting Superintendent of Streets
Ernest Lawrence - Dog Officer
Antonio P. Tosi - Health Inspector
Howard E. Williams - Inspector of Gas Piping & Gas Appliances
James R. Dale - Wiring Inspector
Joseph Medeiros - Constable
Edwin H. LaMontagne, Jr. - Planning Board
Louis W. Koonz - Sewer Commissioner
Ruth Johnson - Recreation Commission
Joanne F. Spencer - Recreation Commission

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

May 3, 1977

Article 6. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as Clerk of and to the Board of Assessors, in accord with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 4A of the General Laws, and/or to employ a Clerk, and for this purpose to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,890.00 for the salary of such employee.

Article 7. VOTED: That the Town accept from the County Dog Fund the sum of \$341.32, and further transfer said sum to the Dickinson Memorial Library, in accord with the provisions of Chapter 140, Section 172 of the General Laws.

Article 8. PASSED OVER: That the Town accept and appropriate the sum of \$926.25 for public library purposes, and to meet this appropriation, transfer said sum of \$986.63 from available, unappropriated funds, which amount is to be reimbursed to the Town

by the Commonwealth, all in accord with the provisions contained in Chapter 760 of the Acts of 1960.

Article 9. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$6,000.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the purpose of replacing the present heating system at the Dickinson Memorial Library.

Article 10. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$1,200.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the continuation of indexing and microfilming of Town and/or historical records or memorabilia of the Town's history and development, said amount to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 11. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$200.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the purchase of storage equipment and supplies for cataloguing and preserving all historical and valuable records of the Town.

Article 12. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for the excavation and laying of pipe for water service from Pine Street to the Northfield Historical Society Museum.

Article 13. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to purchase fish to be liberated into the streams of the Town of Northfield, under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 14. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,431.00 for the purpose of providing mental health and retardation services for citizens of the Town, and that said sum be transferred to the Franklin-Hampshire Area Board Trust Fund under the direction and approval of the School Committee or the Board of Health, or under their joint direction, or whomever else may be designated by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 15. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the Franklin County Home Care Corporation, for the purpose of providing home care and nutrition services to Senior Citizens of the Town of Northfield.

Article 16. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract with David Quinn of Northfield, or his nominee, to provide ambulance service to residents of the Town, said contract to be for a term not to exceed one (1) year, and said contract to contain terms and conditions as determined by the Board of Selectment, and for this purpose, raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00.

Article 17. VOTED: That the Town accept from the Northfield Mount Hermon School, the sum of \$2,500.00, said sum to be applied to reduce the Town's expenditure for ambulance service for Fiscal Year 1978 under the Town's contract for the provision of ambulance service.

Article 18. PASSED OVER: That the Town hear the report of the Committee appointed to study the Cemetery needs of the Town, including the acquisition of additional land therefor.

Article 19. VOTED: That the Town transfer from available, unappropriated funds, the sum of \$26,500.00 for the purpose of snow removal within the Town.

Article 20. AMENDED & PASSED OVER: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,626.00 for Chapter 90-type construction projects, in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth, at which time such funds will be restored to the General Treasury of the Town.

Article 21. PASSED OVER: That the Town accept and expend \$36,626.00 available as the result of a comprehensive Highway Mass Transit and Local Highway Aid Program, to be distributed to cities and towns for state-aid highway purposes for Fiscal Year '78.

Article 22. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$34,000.00 from available, unappropriated funds for the Machinery Maintenance Account of the Town.

Article 23. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$45,000.00 from available, unappropriated funds for the General Highway Maintenance Account of the Town.

Article 24. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from its Machinery Earnings Account, to the Machinery Maintenance Account of the Town, for purposes specified, but not limited to, those contained in Article 22 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for F.Y. '78.

Article 25. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$20,000.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account, for the purpose of the continued reconstruction of the surface of Gulf Road.

Article 26. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$14,000.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account, for necessary major repairs to Four Mile Brook Road within the Town.

Article 27. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$19,000.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account, for the purchase of a used Grader and related equipment for use of the Highway Department, and to further authorize the Selectmen to trade in or dispose of the present grader.

Article 28. VOTED: Yes 167, No 5, That the Town appropriate the sum of \$77,000.00 for the purchase of a 3-man custom pumper Fire Truck and related equipment and appurtenances, to be used by the Northfield Fire Department, and to further authorize the Selectmen to dispose of the current 1953 Maxim Fire Truck, and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$77,000.000 from the Stabilization Fund of the Town.

Article 29. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$3,000.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the purpose of spraying of wetland areas or other means to dispose of larvae and adult mosquitoes.

Article 30. VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$500.00 from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account for the purpose of surveying the two (2) parcels of land accepted as a gift from William A. Sandri, President and Treasurer of Dunnell Fuels, Inc., under Articles 56 and 57 of the Annual Town Meeting Held on May 4, 1976.

Article 31. PASSED OVER: That the Town prohibit the transportation of radioactive waste materials within the limits of the Town of Northfield.

Article 32. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for pointing and repairing the entire parapet wall around Town Hall, and topping and pointing the chimney for furnace use.

Article 33. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing draperies for the windows in the dining room of the Town Hall.

Article 34. VOTED: That the Town instruct the Town Accountant to establish an account for the payment of paper and supplies for the office copy machine, and for the purpose, raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for payment of the same.

Article 35. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to provide for additional or improved street lighting along Warwick Road within the Town, all in accord with a plan on file with the Board of Selectmen.

Article 36. VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purpose of surveying certain Town ways and properties.

Article 37. PASSED OVER: Yes 83, No 73, That the Town adopt the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 23A of the General Laws, as amended, which reads as follows:

"A Town may by vote or by-law authorize and empower the selectmen to appoint an executive secretary who may be appointed by them for a term of one or three years and to remove him at their discretion. An executive secretary appointed under the provisions of this section shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties. During the time that he holds office he shall hold no elective town office, but he may be appointed by the selectmen or, with their approval, by any other town officer, board, committee, or commission, to any other town office or position consistent with his office. He shall receive such aggregate compensation, not exceeding the amount appropriated therefor, as the selectmen may determine. He shall act by and for the selectmen in any matter which they may assign to him relating to the administration of the affairs of the town or of any town office or department under their supervision and control, or with the approval of the selectmen, may perform such other duties as may be requested of him by any other town officer, board, committee or commission."

Article 38. PASSED OVER: That the Town authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to appoint an Executive Secretary, to be called an Executive Administrator, in accord with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 23A of the General Laws, said Executive Administrator to be appointed for a term not to exceed two (2) years, and for this purpose, transfer the sum of \$16,000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account of the Town to provide an annual

salary and expense account for said position for Fiscal Year 1978.

Article 39. AMENDED & VOTED: Yes 117, No 5, That the Town amend the Protective Regulation By-Law for the Town of Northfield in the following manner:

1. Amend Section 2. "Definitions" by adding the definition of "Multi-family dwelling", "dwelling unit" and "family" to read as follows:

Multi-family Dwelling. Any dwelling or structure containing three (3) or more dwelling units.

Dwelling Unit. A building or portion of a building intended as living quarters for a single family, having a single set of kitchen facilities (a stove plus either or both a refrigerator and sink) not shared with any other unit.

Family. Any number of individuals related by blood or marriage, or not more than five (5) persons not so related, living and cooking together in a single house-keeping unit.

2. Amend Section 4(b)5 so that it reads:

"5. Multi-family dwellings containing three or more dwelling units, as provided in Section 9."

3. Amend Section 5. Intensity Regulations, so that it reads:

"Section 5. INTENSITY REGULATIONS. A principal building or a dwelling unit, hereinafter placed in a primarily Residential-Agricultural District, shall be located on a lot having not less than the minimum requirements set forth below. Except as provided in Section 9, no more than one dwelling, including house trailers and mobile homes, shall be located upon any such lot. No existing lot shall be changed in size or shape so as to result in the violation of the requirements set forth below."

4. Amend Section 5(e) by deleting it, and substituting the following:

"(e) For multi-family dwellings, see Section 9. Multi-family Dwellings."

5. Add a new Section 9 to read as follows:

"Section 9. Multi-family Dwellings. The Board of Appeals may grant a special permit for the construction and occupancy of a multi-family dwelling provided that the following requirements are met:

- (a) Applicants shall submit a site plan prepared by a registered architect, landscape architect, or engineer, showing existing topography and proposed topography, structures, access, parking, areas of retained vegetation and new landscaping, drainage, water supply, and sewage disposal; and shall submit

floor plans and architectural elevations of proposed buildings.

- (b) Location must be on a Class A lot as defined in Sec. 5(a), and have direct access to a way laid out not less than sixty feet wide, (and not be within 1000 feet of another lot used for multi-family dwellings).
- (c) Lot area must equal not less than 12,000 square feet per dwelling unit.
- (d) Building height shall not exceed two stories and shall not exceed thirty-five feet, as measured by vertical distance from the mean finished grade of adjoining ground to the highest point of the roof for flat or shed roofs, the deck line for mansard roofs, the mean height between eaves and ridge for gable, hip and gambrel roofs. Not included are spires, cupolas, TV antennae, or other parts of structures which do not enclose potentially habitable floor space.
- (e) There shall be not more than four dwelling units in a single structure, and no such structure shall be closer to another than its building height.
- (f) Site design shall minimize topographic changes and removal of existing trees or other important natural features.
- (g) Visibility of parking areas shall be minimized through use of building placement, topography, or vegetative screening.
- (h) At least three of the following characteristics of the proposed design must exist on one or more existing structures in the vicinity: roof type, roof pitch, predominant wall color, predominant wall material.
- (i) The Special Permit shall be granted only if the Board of Appeals, after reviewing written recommendations of the Planning Board, makes written determination that the proposal will not have adverse effects which overbalance its beneficial effects on either the neighborhood or the town. The determination shall indicate consideration of each of the following:
 - 1. community and regional housing needs which are served by the proposal
 - 2. traffic flow and safety
 - 3. adequacy of utilities
 - 4. neighborhood character
 - 5. protection of the natural environment
 - 6. potential fiscal impact.

Boston, Massachusetts

The foregoing amendments to the zoning by-laws adopted under Article 39 of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held in Northfield on May 3, 1977, are hereby approved.

Francis X. Bellotti

Attorney General

Article 40. VOTED: Yes 101, No 10, That the Town appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 for the cost of engineering services, plans and specifications for a sanitary sewerage system within the Town of Northfield based on, but not limited to, recommendations contained in a report by Tighe & Bond, Consulting Engineers; and to meet said appropriation of \$40,000.00, raise and appropriate the sum of \$26,500.00, and further, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen be and she is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow and issue bonds or notes of the Town for a sum not to exceed \$13,500.00 for a term not to exceed five (5) years, all in accord with authority under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause 22; said amounts to be expended by the Board of Sewer Commissioners, and further, any amounts appropriated under this article shall be increased by the amount of any Federal and/or State aid received to meet the costs of the project, and the Board of Sewer Commissioners be and are hereby authorized to apply for and contract for such aid, and said Commissioners be and are hereby authorized to take all necessary action to carry out the intent of this vote.

Article 41. DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to appoint an additional full-time Police Officer under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 96 of the General Laws, and for this purpose, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 representing the salary and departmental expenses for said position.

Article 42. VOTED: That the Town establish an Energy Conservation Committee for the purpose of studying and recommending energy conservation policies to the Town and its citizens; and further, authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of no fewer than five (5) citizens and not more than nine (9) citizens; further, said committee to prepare a report and present the same at the next Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Northfield.

Article 43. VOTED: That the Town accept any or all of the following sums of money, for the following purposes:

- (a) From Marjorie P. Musinski & Elizabeth P. White, for Perpetual Care of Lot #4 in Mt. Hermon Cemetery, the sum of \$100.00.
- (b) From Charles F. Lincoln, 13 Pray Drive, Greenfield, Mass., for Perpetual Care of Lot #83½ in Northfield Farms Cemetery, the sum of \$100.00.
- (c) From Edward J. McKenna, 296 High St., Greenfield, Mass., for Perpetual Care of Lot #107½ in Northfield Farms Cemetery, the sum of \$100.00.

Article 44. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Trustee under the will of Fred W. Wells, for a period of five (5) years, for the purpose of investing the income of a Trust established under said will.

Article 45. PASSED OVER: That the Town instruct the Assessors to use the sum of \$ _____ to reduce the tax levy for Fiscal Year '78, and for this purpose, transfer the said sum of \$ _____ from available, unappropriated funds of the Town.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

ATTEST: Horace F. Field
 Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OCTOBER 25, 1977

Approximately 225 voters assembled in accordance with the Warrant at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Mr. George M. Leonard, Moderator. The invocation was given by Rev. Lloyd Parrill of the Trinitarian Congregational Church.

(Motion was made and seconded to take up Article 3 first.)

Article 3. DEFEATED: That the Town transfer from (available funds - or the Federal Revenue Sharing Account of the Town) the sum of \$4,000.00 for the purpose of contracting with National Health Search, Incorporated to recruit a physician for the Town of Northfield, and further vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract with said corporation to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Article 1. VOTED: That the Town hear the report of the Committee appointed by the Selectmen for the purpose of advising the Town about the feasibility of purchasing a portion or all of the Northfield Inn property, so-called, and further, that the life of the Committee be extended until the Annual Town Meeting in May, 1978.

NORTHFIELD INN PROPERTY STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT

'For the past several months this committee has met periodically to consider the feasibility of the town acquiring said property, or parts thereof, for community use.

This committee has explored the situation by personal observation of the property and with the assistance of various individuals and/or groups (list enclosed) to best evaluate and recommend the options the community may have. The purpose of this committee therefore, is to make available to the community the advantages and disadvantages in the purchase of said property, if and when it should become available.

This committee has developed its information by considering five possible avenues of approach.

Plan A

- A. Purchase of the entire tract of land which includes the following:
 1. Golf course and pro shop
 2. Four homes
 3. Carriage House
 4. Barns
 5. All accompanying land generally within the areas of Main St., Dickinson St., Holton St., Highland Ave., Glenwood Ave., Birnam Rd., and School St. (To be more clearly defined)
- B. Advantages to the purchase of the entire property
 1. Recreational
 - a. Golf course and pro shop
 - b. In ground swimming pool
 - c. Ball fields: Southwest area by Schell Pool
 - d. Nature trails (Four miles in existence, and those that could easily be developed)
 - e. Wildlife Sanctuary - swamp area
 - f. Fishing
 - g. Possible boating (canoeing)
 - h. Cross country skiing
 - i. Skating: Dickinson Pond
 - j. Schell Pool area for swimming
 2. Cemetery - plot of ground on southeast section of property abutting Birnam Road
 3. Use of Carriage House as Community Center, i.e. Senior Center, etc.
 4. Use of barns by highway department
 5. Development of present Inn site into a formal garden with walks, etc.
 6. Expansion of area behind Dickinson Library for improved parking facilities
 7. Retention of Dickinson House for community use possibly as,
 - a. Health Clinic
 - b. Town offices
 - c. Doctor's office
 8. Rear of Carriage House for Highway Dept. for use of lifts, etc. and two barns adjacent to the Carriage House for protective storage space for equipment
- C. Disadvantages to the community in purchasing the entire tract of land
 1. General maintenance
 2. Supervision of all activities taking place
 3. Personnel: Financial burden of employing part-time/full-time qualified personnel
 4. Possible tax loss on property

Plan B

- A. Purchase of a tract of land which includes Schell Pool and within boundaries of: Birnam Rd., School St., Dickinson St. Main St., Holton St., and west of so-called Golf Course Rd.
- B. Advantages to the purchase of Schell Pool and previously before mentioned land
 1. Recreational
 - a. Schell pool - with expansion completed and dam repaired re: Warren Report
 - b. Ball fields in southwest area by Schell pool - to be developed
 - c. Nature trails
 - d. Cross country skiing
 - e. Skating
 - f. Fishing
 2. Wildlife Sanctuary
 3. Cemetery area
 4. Parking facilities, see Plan A #6
- C. Disadvantages to Plan B
 1. Maintenance
 2. Supervision by qualified personnel
 3. Possible tax loss on property
- D. It must be noted in Plan B that in order for the Schell pool area to be properly utilized:
 1. Expansion of the pool to recommended area of 100 sq. ft./person and additional beach area developed (Warren Report)
 2. Money would have to be appropriated for the further development of nature trails encircling the swamp
 3. Development of the cemetery
 4. Development of the ball fields

Plan C

Area - Schell Pool commencing at the Schell Pool Bridge and extending westerly to Main St., southerly to Dickinson St., and northerly to the boundaries of the land owned by the Northfield Trinitarian Church.

This area would provide facilities for the community for:

- A. Swimming
- B. Athletic fields, softball, baseball, horse shoes, etc.
- C. Picnic grounds, cook out area
- D. Nature Trail

Plan D

Area - Carriage House and two barns bound by Birnam Road where an access road is available, northerly, the abutting property of J. Tessier, west and south, by the existing golf course

Plan D would provide:

- A. Two barns for protective storage of Town equipment
- B. Structured to the rear of and connected to the Carriage House provides maintenance area for town equipment, lifts, work stalls, etc.

C. Underground storage tanks for fuel, etc.

D. Private entrance from Birnam Road

Plan E

Area - 100' x 200' to the rear of Dickinson Library

A. To be utilized for parking facilities eliminating the congested and limited area on Main St. in front of the library

Resources utilized by the committee:

1. William Warren, Soil Conservation Service
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture
2. John Frado, Director Recreational Facilities
Northfield Project
Northeast Utilities
3. D. W. Pratt, Pratt Real Estate Agency
Bernardston, Massachusetts
4. Edwin Finch, Former Inn Manager

John Callahan, Chairman
Paul Mayberry
John Hogan
Elizabeth Giles
Frank Foster, III
Edwin Finch
Kim Spaulding

Northfield Inn Property Study Committee'

Article 2. PASSED OVER: That the Town purchase a portion or all of the Northfield Inn property, so-called, said property or parcel of land more particularly bounded and described as follows, and further, to accept a deed therefor from the owners thereof, and further to transfer from available funds, the sum of \$ _____ for said purpose.

Article 4. VOTED: That the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$500.00 to provide for engineering consultant fees to survey the safety factor and the strength of the main floor of the Northfield Fire Station.

Article 5. VOTED: That the Town transfer from Revenue Sharing the sum of \$500.00 to provide for the replacement of the burner in the heating system of the Northfield Fire Station.

Article 6. DEFEATED: That the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purchase of a 10,000 gallon Fuel Tank, complete with ticket type pump, for use by the Northfield Highway, Police, Fire and Nursing Departments.

Article 7. VOTED: Yes 56, No 55, That the Town transfer from Revenue Sharing the sum of \$1,500.00 to provide for a 14 x 12 foot door, to the existing metal shed at the Northfield Highway Department.

Article 8. DEFEATED: That the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,600.00 for the purchase of a Chipper to be used by the Northfield Highway Department in conjunction with the tree and brush cutting project.

Article 9. VOTED: That the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,000.00 to provide for the rental of a Chipper for the Northfield Highway Department to be used in conjunction with the tree and brush cutting project.

Article 10. VOTED: That the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$188.88 for expenses incurred by the following departments during Fiscal Year 1976, which were unable to be paid during said Fiscal Year, all in accord with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 64 of the General Laws:

Highway Department: To be paid to Graves Equipment, Inc.
\$25.50

Police Department: To be paid to Hartwin Motor Sales, Inc.
\$163.38

Article 11. VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$986.63 already received from the Commonwealth for public library purposes, all in accord with the provisions contained in Chapter 760 of the Acts of 1960.

Article 12. VOTED: That the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$50.00 to provide for expenses to be incurred by the Historical District Study Committee appointed by the Selectmen.

Article 13. VOTED: That the Town hear the report of the Committee appointed to study the Structural Evaluation Report on Schell Bridge submitted by Gordon E. Ainsworth & Associates, Inc.

REPORT OF THE NORTHFIELD
AD HOC COMMITTEE ON
SHELL BRIDGE REPAIR

'On March 1, 1977 the Selectmen of the Town of Northfield appointed the following persons to the Committee:

Ralph K. Leach
Chadwick T. Glover
Ray Thompson
Christopher Chastain
Sarah Gurvitch
Grace Randall
Edward M. Powell, Jr.
Ralph Gray
Fernand A. Caron

The Committee met on the following dates:

March 8, 31
April 14
May 5, 19
June 2, 16
July 14
August 11
September 1, 8

On-Site Road Survey:

May 25, 26

June 6

On-Site Bridge Survey:

September 8, 1977

This survey was made to get an idea what the Schell Bridge means to the Town of Northfield. The total use of the bridge was measured by the state traffic tally, and their count is better than ours. The Schell Bridge Committee surveyed 403 cars on:

Thursday, May 25th, 2-6 p.m.

Friday, May 26th, 2-6 p.m.

Sunday, June 6th, 12-5 p.m.

Of those surveyed:

39% were from Northfield

22% other Mass.

26% Vermont

11% New Hampshire

2% other.

About 67% of those surveyed do shop in Northfield, but only 28% would do so if the bridge was closed. This would be a loss of 167 shoppers, or 58%.

Probably most important is that 88% of the drivers said that the bridge saved them a significant amount of travel time.

In a short survey like this there is no way to figure the business advantage, in dollars, that Schell Bridge means to Northfield. It is impossible to figure the exact additional driving costs for the large majority of drivers who save travel time on Schell Bridge, should the bridge be closed. The survey suggests that business losses and additional driving costs would be considerable.

FINDINGS

I. Determine Usefulness of Bridge.

A. Public requirements of West Northfield

1. Fire protection - costly delays.
2. Police protection - delay in response time depending on cruiser location.
3. Ambulance Service (Kidder) - little or no change in response time.
4. Highway Department - same service, but more costly due to extra mileage.
5. School Bus - increased costs and longer ride for children.
6. Civil Defense (Vermont Yankee) - limits evacuation of West Northfield.

II. Who Uses The Bridge?

A. Public Sector Average 800 crossings per day

1. To work - additional mileage 1500 per year at a cost of \$225.00.
88% (700) equals an increase of 2100 miles per day, 766,500 miles per year,
\$315.00 per day and \$114,975.00 per year @ .15 per mile.

2. Shopping - retail loss of 15-25%.
3. Visiting - inconvenience.
4. Sightseeing - lost.

B. Private Sector

1. All local deliveries - both goods & services - costs up.
2. U. S. Mail - costs up.
3. Farmers - costs up.
4. Retail outlets - lost customers.

III. Requirements of Bridge Repair (Ainsworth Associates' Report)

A. Phase One

1. Preliminary survey - complete \$15,000.
2. Engineering drawings - \$15,000.
3. Sandblasting, evaluation & painting of all structural members, reworking of bridge approaches - \$150,000. approx.

B. Phase Two

1. Complete restoration of all structural members, replacing as necessary, to bring bridge to original load capacity of 12 tons - \$300,000. approx.

IV. Where the Money Could Come From

- A. Taxation. An increase of \$15.51 per 1000 on tax rate. From \$37.00 per 1000, 1977 rate to \$53.00 per 1000 - (20,000 valuation - \$740. today, \$1060 at \$53.00 rate.)

- B. Financing (Bond Issue) $\$450,000 \times 5\% = \$22,500$ in change per year. A ten-year Bond Issue would cost \$225,000 approx.

- C. State Aid - None located

D. Federal Aid

1. FHA Loans $\$450,000 \times 3\% = \$13,500$ per year
2. Public Works Employment Act - Engineering work not complete in time to qualify.
3. Critical Bridge Act - 75% replacement cost if classified as critical bridge. $\$450,000 - \$337,500 = \$112,500 = \3.87 per 1000 on tax rate.
4. Federal Aid Special Bridge Replacement Program (23USC144) 100% cost of bridge replacement.

- E. Out of State Aid (Vermont & New Hampshire) - None requested at this time.

V. Historic or Aesthetic Value of Schell Bridge

1. Inquiries into this area got little or no results. We therefore did not pursue the issue beyond the local area.

VI. Conclusion

After spending \$450,000 we will have an inadequate bridge - costly to the Town. Therefore, our recommendation is for Selectmen and Town officials to pursue every available avenue to encourage Representatives to back the Federal program under the Federal Aid Special Bridge Replacement Program.

We urge all citizens to write the Representatives to support the project. Also, our neighbors in Vermont and New Hampshire who use the bridge facility.

AD HOC COMMITTEE'

Article 14. PASSED OVER: That the Town hear the preliminary report of the Committee appointed to study and recommend Energy Conservation policies to the Town and its citizens.

Article 15. VOTED: That the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$500.00 to provide for the salary and expenses of a Wiring Inspector for the Town.

Article 16. DEFEATED: That the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$600.00 for the purpose of compensating members of the Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee, including reimbursements of expenses for the same, all in accord with the provisions contained in Chapter 71, Section 52 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Article 17. DEFEATED: That the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$900.00 for the purchase of a new Check Writer for the Town Treasurer, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade in or dispose of the check writer currently being used.

Article 18. (Motion 1.) VOTED: Yes 39, No 36, That the Town rescind a certain vote taken under Article 2 of a Special Town Meeting held on November 26, 1954 which provided that all expenses in connection with the use of the old Fire Station to be used by Boy Scout Troop #9 be paid by said Boy Scout Troop. (Motion 2.) VOTED: Yes 39, No 33, That the Town transfer from the Federal Revenue Sharing account of the Town the sum of \$460.00 for the installation of a single door for the front of the Boy Scout House, including a panic bar for the same.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

ATTEST: Horace F. Field
 Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1977

Male Dogs	96
Female	8
Female (Spayed)	98
Special Kennel (\$10.00)	13
Special Kennel (\$25.00)	3

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED IN 1977

Resident Citizen Fishing	79
Resident Citizen Hunting	96
Resident Citizen Sporting	92
Resident Citizen Minor Fishing	14
Resident Alien Fishing	0
Non-Resident Citizen/Alien Fishing	30
Non-Resident Citizen/Alien 7-day Fishing	5
Non-Res. Citizen/Alien Hunting (Small Game)	3
Non-Res. Citizen/Alien Commercial Shooting Preserve 3-day.	0
Resident Citizen Minor Trapping	2
Resident Citizen Trapping	1
Duplicates	4
Resident Alien Hunting	0
Non-Res. Citizen/Alien Hunting (Big Game)	7
Resident Citizen Sporting Over 70	25
Resident Citizen Fishing Paraplegic, Blind, Mentally Retarded	0
Resident Citizen Hunting Paraplegic	0
Archery Stamps	15
Mass. Waterfowl Stamps	23

OTHER LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED IN 1977

Innholder	1
Raffles-Bazaars	5
Gasoline and Fuel	4
Auctioneer Licenses	3
1-Day Auctioneer's License	0

Respectfully submitted,

Horace F. Field

TOWN CLERK

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS REPORT 1977

Northfield Cemeteries have received their usual care and maintenance during 1977. Expenditures for same may be found in the report of the Town Accountant. It is planned to re-surface the driveway of the Center Cemetery during the coming year.

We wish to report the following receipts:

From Florence O. George, for Lot #39½ in Mt. Hermon Cemetery.	\$ 30.00
From Norman F. & Ethel D. Fowler, for Lot #19 in Northfield Farms Cemetery.	50.00
From Arthur D. Fisher, for Lot #35½ in Northfield Farms Cemetery.	30.00
From Nathan Tufts, for Lot #62 in Mt. Hermon Cemetery.	50.00
From Pauline M. Alexander, for Lot #56A in Mt. Hermon Cemetery.	30.00
From Pauline M. Alexander, for Perpetual Care of Lot #56A in Mt. Hermon Cemetery.	100.00
From Frank W. & Agnes L. Pearsall, for Lot #32A in Mt. Hermon Cemetery.	30.00
From Frank W. & Agnes L. Pearsall, for Perpetual Care of Lot #32A in Mt. Hermon Cemetery.	100.00
From Hazel T. Kimball, for Lot #20 in Northfield Farms Cemetery.	50.00
From Robert P. & Katie R. Barnes, for Lot #27½ in Northfield Farms Cemetery.	30.00
From Geraldine B. Schwenke, for ½ lot in Northfield Farms Cemetery, not yet assigned.	30.00
	\$ 530.00

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Bassett

Roger E. Bassett

Horace F. Field

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

TOWN WARRANT
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the
County of Franklin,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the

TOWN HALL

in said Northfield on Monday the first day of May next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers for the coming year:

Town Clerk for one year, one Selectman for three years, one Assessor for three years, Tax Collector for three years, two School Committee members for three years, one Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee member for three years, two Library Trustees for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, one Planning Board member for three years, one Board of Health member for three years, one Sewer Commissioner for three years, and three Recreation Commissioners for three years.

The polls will open at ten A.M. and close at eight P.M.

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, May 2, 1978 at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the reports of the several Town Officers, Boards, Committees, Commissioners and Trustees, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 4 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the current fiscal year beginning July 1, 1978, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one (1) year, and under the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 17, to renew any such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one (1) year, any debt or debts incurred hereunder to be paid from the revenue of the said fiscal year, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 5, Clauses 16 and 16A of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to employ legal counsel for general purposes and to prosecute or bring suits for the Town and to defend the Town in any suit or other legal action brought against the Town, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 100E of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as amended, to indemnify the Selectmen and any other municipal officers

designated by the Board of Selectmen for expense or damages incurred by such an official or officer in the defense or settlement of a claim against him, provided such claim arose when such official or officer was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment, and further provided that the defense or settlement of such claim shall have been made by the Town Counsel, or by an attorney legally employed for the purpose by the Town, or by an attorney furnished by an insurer obligated under the terms of a policy of insurance to defend the Town against such claim, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, as amended, to fix the salaries of all elected officials for Fiscal Year '79, and raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money therefor, and further raise and appropriate any sum or sums of money for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town and for other necessary charges, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

APPROPRIATIONS

	<u>FY1979</u>
Moderator, Salary & Expense	\$ 100.00
Selectmen	2875.50
Chairman	\$990.50
Other Members	940.00
Expense	2000.00
Secretary	2827.00
Accountant	4000.00
Expense	200.00
Legal Expense	5000.00
Treasurer	2560.00
Expense	1450.00
Tax Collector	2415.00
Expense	2000.00
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs	350.00
Protection of Tax Title Property	25.00
Assessors	2560.00
Chairman	\$890.00
Others	835.00
Expense	2200.00
Town Clerk	1447.00
Expense	200.00
Election & Registration	2500.00
Planning Board Expense	700.00
Board of Appeals Expense	250.00
Nurse & Substitute	13780.00
Nurse's Expense	800.00
Homemaker/Home Health Aide Services	5000.00
Clerk	2827.00
Car Expense	500.00
Inspection of Animals	477.00
Sewer Commissioner's Salary	618.00
Each Commissioner \$206.00	
Sewer Commission Expense	75.00
Operation & Maintenance of Sewers	25835.00

Highway Supt. Expense	750.00
Highway Tools	1500.00
Highway Sick Leave, Vacations, Holicays	8172.00
Sidewalks	2000.00
Street Lights	28000.00
Highway Bounds, Surveys, Street Lists	50.00
Soldier's Relief	6000.00
Elementary School Committee Salaries	835.00
Finance Committee Expense	75.00
Town Hall	12000.00
Police Chief Salary	14734.00
Special Police Salaries	7200.00
Police Dept. Operating Exp. & Equip.	9000.00
Police Dept. Secretary	2827.00
Police Chief's Vacation Replacement Account	1000.00
Conservation Commission Expense	50.00
Fire Department Salaries	850.00
Fire Chief	\$500.00
Forest Fire Warden	200.00
Secretary	150.00
Fire Dept. Operating Expense	9500.00
Fire Dept. Hose & Equipment	2500.00
Hydrants	500.00
Water Holes	1000.00
Maintenance of Fire Station & Garage	4500.00
Public Safety	100.00
Wire Inspector	1200.00
Tree Trimming & Planting	3400.00
Dutch Elm Control	3000.00
Insect & Pest Control	413.06
Dog Officer & Expense	400.00
Board of Health	618.00
Each Member	\$206.00
Health	2000.00
Sanitary Landfill	9500.00
Elementary Schools	387382.00
PVRS Operating	402285.03
Franklin County Technical School Dist. Capital	18056.05
Franklin County Technical School Dist. Operating	106062.24
Town Reports	1500.00
Memorial & Veterans Day	525.00
Alexander Hall	400.00
Insurance	30000.00
Chapter 32 B	22500.00
Town Clock	150.00
Land Damage	100.00
Historical Society Building	200.00
Fence Viewers, Pound Keepers, Field Drivers	25.00
Maintenance of Athletic Field	600.00
Recreation Commission Program	6000.00
Interest	900.00
Historical Commission	200.00
Historic District Study Committee	200.00
Building Commissioner	4000.00
Expense	450.00

Dickinson Memorial Library
Field Library
Civil Defense

25374.00
250.00
1868.00

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as Clerk of and to the Board of Assessors, in accord with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 4A of the Massachusetts General Laws, and/or to employ a Clerk, and for this purpose to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for such employee, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$2000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept and appropriate any sum or sums of money provided by the County, designated as the 'Dog Fund', to the Dickinson Memorial Library in accord with the provisions of Chapter 140, Section 172, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

To be appropriated: \$385.63

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$926.25 already received from the Commonwealth for public library purposes, in accord with the provisions contained in Chapter 760 of the Acts of 1960, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available unappropriated funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money for the purchase and installation of insulation above the ceiling of the second story rooms at the Dickinson Memorial Library, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$2500.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$2500.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available unappropriated funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money for the purchase and installation of storm windows for the rooms on the second story of the Dickinson Memorial Library, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$1500.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$1500.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money to purchase fish to be liberated into the streams of the Town of Northfield, under the supervision of the Board of Selectmen, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$300.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide any sum or sums of money for the purpose of providing Mental Health and Retardation Services for citizens of the Town, and that any sum so appropriated be transferred to the Franklin-Hampshire Area Board Trust Fund under the direction and approval of the School Committee or the Board of Health, or under their joint direction, or whomever else may be designated by the Board of Selectmen, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$2431.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2431.00.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money to the Franklin County Home Care Corporation for the purpose of providing home care and nutrition services to Senior Citizens of the Town of Northfield, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$500.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract with David Quinn of Northfield, Massachusetts, or his nominee, to provide ambulance service to residents of the Town, such contract to be for a term not to exceed one (1) year, for an amount not to exceed Six Thousand (\$6000.00) Dollars, and on such other terms and conditions as the Selectmen shall determine, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6000.00.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept from the Northfield Mount Hermon School, a Massachusetts Corporation, a sum of \$3000.00, to be appropriated for and applied to the Town expenditure for Fiscal Year '79 under the Town's contract for the provisions of ambulance service, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to hear the report of the Committee appointed to study the Cemetery needs of the Town, including acquisition of additional land therefor, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for Snow Removal, such sum or sums not necessarily to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$29000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,000.00.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend any funds available for Chapter 90-type work, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for Machinery Maintenance, such sum or sums not necessarily to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$34000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32500.00, and transfer the sum of \$1500.00 from the Machinery Earnings Account.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for General Highway Maintenance, such sum or sums not necessarily to be expended in anticipation of reimbursement from the Commonwealth, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$66000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50000.00.

Article 21. To see if the Town will establish a Purchasing Committee to advise the Town Administrators on the purchase or rental of items in excess of \$500.00, excluding petroleum products and office equipment and supplies; said committee to review all bid specifications proposals before awarding of same; and said committee to consist of one member appointed by but not from the Board of Selectmen; one member appointed by but not the Moderator; and one member appointed by but not from the Finance Committee, for a term of three years, except that initial appointment shall be one member for three years; one member for two years; and one member for one year, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money for the purchase of a 1978 one-ton Stake Body Truck and related equipment for the Highway Department, and to dispose of the 1973 Chevrolet pickup truck, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$11000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$11000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the rental of a screening plant for use by the Highway Department, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$2500.00

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money for the purchase of a new 2-yard Sander Body for use by the Highway Department, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$2800.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$2800.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money to obtain an FM Radio System to be installed in the Highway Department Garage and vehicles, trade in or dispose of the present CB system, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$6000.00

The Finance Committee do not recommend.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the purchase of a Reversible Plow for use by the Highway Department, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$4300.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$2600.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the purchase of a 10,000 gallon Fuel Tank, complete with ticket type pump, for use by the Northfield Highway, Police, Fire and Nursing departments, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$6000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$6000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for oiling and stoning the surface of South Mountain Road from Route 63 to the intersection of Four Mile Brook Road, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$21000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,000.00.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for oiling and stoning the surface of South Mountain Road from the Gulf Road to the intersection of Four Mile Brook Road, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$14000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$14000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for oiling and stoning the surface of Linden Avenue, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$2100.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2100.00.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for oiling and stoning the surface of Luckey Clapp Road from Beers Plain Road to end of area paved by the State in 1975, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$2500.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2500.00.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the purpose of spraying or other means, wetland areas, to dispose of larvae and adult mosquitoes, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$3250.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3250.00.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to accept deeds from the owners thereof, or take by eminent domain, the following described easement, for the East Interceptor Sewer of the Water Pollution Control Program authorized under Article 6 of the January 19, 1976 Special Town Meeting, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

"A permanent easement thirty (30) feet wide running from Main Street Southeasterly to Dickinson Street across land of Northfield Schools, Inc. in the Town of Northfield, County of Franklin, Massachusetts, for the purpose of a common sewer including the right to lay, construct and use said sewer with all necessary manholes and appurtenances and changes in grade and slope in, through and upon the land hereinafter described, together with the right to enter upon the land with vehicles, machinery and materials to install, inspect, repair, maintain and improve said sewer;

and including in this taking all trees and structures located within the aforesaid easement and excepted and reserved from said taking all rights by easements for wires, pipes, conduits, poles and other appurtenances now lawfully in or upon said lands;

the aforesaid easement is more specifically described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the easterly sideline of the 1941 State Highway Alteration of Main Street (State Routes 10 & 63), the same being S 68°-20'-00" E a distance of 58.90 feet from baseline station 339+94.00 of said 1941 State Highway Alteration;

thence, N 26°-09'-34" E, sixty-three and thirty hundredths (63.30) feet along said easterly sideline of Main Street to a point at land of said Northfield Schools, Inc.;

thence, across land of said Northfield Schools, Inc. severally as follows:

S 03°-48'-11" W, one hundred ninety-five and thirty-three hundredths (195.33) feet;

S 09°-28'-59" W, two hundred ninety-six and forty-five hundredths (296.45) feet;

S 09°-00'-56" E, two hundred fifty and twenty-five hundredths (250.25) feet;

S 26°-28'-42" E. two hundred ninety-two and no hundredths (292.00) feet;

S 31°-46'-07" E, three hundred two and two hundredths (302.02) feet;

S 11°-18'-25" E, three hundred ten and thirty-seven hundredths (310.37) feet;

S 27°-20'-28" W, ninetyfive and no hundredths (95.00) feet to the northerly sideline of Dickinson Street;

thence, N 07°-55'-29" W, fifty-one and ninety-six hundredths (51.96) feet along said sideline to a point at land of said Northfield Schools, Inc.;

thence, with a temporary construction easement twenty (20) feet wide on the westerly side of the following described line of the permanent easement across land of said Northfield Schools, Inc. severally as follows:

N 27°-20'-28" E, forty-two and six hundredths (42.06) feet;

N 11°-18'-25" W, two hundred ninety-four and forty-three hundredths (294.43) feet;

N 31°-46'-07" W, two hundred ninety-seven and ninety-eight hundredths (297.98) feet;

N 26°-28'-42" W, two hundred ninety-eight and no hundredths (298.00) feet;

N 09°-00'-56" W, two hundred fifty-nine and seventy-five hundredths (259.75) feet;

N 09°-28'-59" E, fifty-six and fifty hundredths (56.50) feet to a point where the temporary construction easement on the westerly side ends;

thence, continuing N 09°-28'-59" E, fifty and no hundredths (50.00) feet with no temporary construction easement on the westerly side to a point;

thence, with a temporary construction easement twenty (20) feet wide on the westerly side of the following described westerly line of the permanent easement across land of said Northfield Schools, Inc. severally as follows:

continuing N 09°-28'-59" E, one hundred ninety-three and thirty-five hundredths (193.35) feet;

N 03°-48'-11" E, one hundred twenty-seven and eleven hundredths (127.11) feet to the aforementioned easterly sideline of said Main Street;

thence, N 39°-41'-23" E, ten and ten hundredths (10.10) feet along said sideline to the point of beginning;

the above described permanent easement containing 1.155 acres more or less and the above described temporary easement containing 0.706 acres more or less;

and with a temporary construction easement twenty (20) feet wide to be used for access purposes across land of Northfield Schools, Inc. from Main Street to the aforescribed temporary construction easement;

the aforesaid easement running from a point on the easterly sideline of said Main Street, said point being one hundred sixty (160) feet southerly of a point bearing S 39°-41'-23" W, sixty-one and seven hundredths (61.07) feet from the point of beginning of the aforescribed permanent easement, extending easterly at a ninety degree angle from said easterly sideline of said Main Street a distance of about seventy-two and one-half (72-1/2) feet more or less to the first described temporary construction easement;

and containing 0.033 acres more or less;

and with a temporary construction easement twenty (20) feet wide to be used for access purposes across land of Northfield Schools, Inc. from Main Street to the first described temporary construction easement;

the aforesaid easement running from a point on the easterly sideline of said Main Street, said point being about thirty-seven and one-half (37-1/2) feet more or less northerly of the northwesterly corner of land of Guy H. Cote, extending easterly along an existing gravel road from said easterly sideline of said Main Street a distance of about five hundred ten (510) feet more or less to the first described temporary construction easement;

and containing 0.234 acres more or less;

and the above described parcels are shown on a plan entitled:

"Plan of Easement Acquired
By The
Town of Northfield, Massachusetts
For The
East Interceptor Sanitary Sewer
Tighe & Bond Consulting Engineers
Easthampton, Mass.

Scale: 1" = 40'

December 1977"

and being part of the land conveyed to said Northfield Schools, Inc. by deed recorded in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 763, Page 301."

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 586 of the Acts of 1977 which Act provides that if the rates and charges due the Town for supplying or providing for a sewer system or rendering service in connection with said system are not paid on or before their due date as established, such rates and charges, together with interest and costs, shall be a lien upon the real estate, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money to provide for an audit of the Town's funds in order to comply with the Federal Revenue Sharing requirements, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$5000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5000.00.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the purpose of providing funds to comply with the provisions of the Massachusetts Employment Security Law designated as Chapter 720 of the Acts of 1977, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$4500.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4500.00.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the purchase of a new Police Cruiser and related equipment, trade in or dispose of the present cruiser, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$6000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$6000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money for the continuing maintenance, purchase of supplies, preservation, indexing and microfilming of Town or historical records or memorabilia of the Town's history and development, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$1500.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500.00.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum or sums of money to provide for the installation and painting of additional cabinets and counters in the dining room of the Town Hall, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Art. 39)

Amount required: \$1100.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1100.00.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for replacing the front section and other necessary piping on the supply and return header of the boiler in the Town Hall, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$2500.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$2500.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money to provide for raising of the Town Hall burner from the floor to fire through the boiler door, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$150.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$150.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Account.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, any sum or sums of money for the installation of heating in the American Legion Room in the Town Hall, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$850.00

The Finance Committee recommends

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Trustee of the Martha W. Alexander Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money for the Chapter 32 B Account, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$4101.12

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$4101.12 from available funds.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money to supplement the funds appropriated under Article 12 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 3, 1977, for the excavation and laying of pipe for water service from Pine Street to the Northfield Historical Society Museum, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$300.00

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer the sum of \$300.00 from available funds.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to accept any or all of the following sums of money, for the following purposes; or pass any

vote or votes in relation thereto:

- (a) From Pauline M. Alexander, for Perpetual Care of Lot #56A in Mt. Hermon Cemetery, the sum of \$100.00.
- (b) From Frank W. & Agnes L. Pearsall, for Perpetual Care of Lot #32A in Mt. Hermon Cemetery, the sum of \$100.00.
- (c) From the estate of Abram Generous, June B. Generous, executrix, for Perpetual Care of Lot #82½A in West Northfield Cemetery, the sum of \$100.00.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to amend its Protective Regulation By-Law by adding the following, to be designated as Section 5(e), or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto:

Section 5(e): No new dwelling or dwelling units shall be erected or constructed upon any of the following roads,

- (1) River Road, so-called, from the westerly bound of Mt. Hermon Station Road to the Vernon, Vermont town line, running 1.7 miles, more or less.
- (2) Caldwell Road, so-called, from the westerly bound of Mt. Hermon Station Road to the easterly bound of Old Vernon Road, running .75 miles, more or less.
- (3) Old Vernon Road, so-called, from River Road, so-called, southerly 1.35 miles more or less to the Waite Lot, so-called, at the intersection of Old Vernon Road and a way leading westerly to a camp owned by Richard Phelps, presently of Bernardston, Mass.
- (4) Four Mile Brook Road, so-called, from a point 1.2 miles easterly of the intersection of said road and Route 63, further easterly a distance of 1.1 miles.
- (5) Old Wendell Road, so-called, from the intersection of Lyman Road, southerly 2.1 miles to the residence presently owned by Albert M. Farina, of Jamaica, New York.

whether they be public or private, for a period not to exceed the day following the Annual Town Meeting in 1979, from the date of adoption of the within By-Law. Inasmuch as the Town of Northfield is in the process of reviewing its Master Plan for future development of the Town, and it is desired to protect said Town by providing sufficient time to obtain descriptions, surveys, and bounds for the above referenced roads, the status of which cannot be determined at this time, and inasmuch as the Town cannot adequately provide safe transportation, adequate fire protection, or police security in the above referenced areas, and further to provide an opportunity for the voters to express their wishes regarding future development in the aforementioned areas at the 1979 Annual Town Meeting, it is hereby declared that a moratorium on the issuance of building permits for construction of new dwellings on said roads, be hereby in effect for such period of time. Nothing herein shall affect the operation or effectiveness of any provision of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A.

And further, to instruct the Board of Selectmen to prepare projected cost estimates for repair to each of the aforementioned

roads to meet minimum safe transportation standards in the event of residential development, and in cooperation with the official boards and interested citizens, present proposals for the future use or discontinuance of said roads for voter action at the 1979 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from its Federal Revenue Sharing Account a sum or sums of money to the Northfield Public Health Advisory Committee for the purpose of developing Health Promotion and Prevention Programs for the citizens of Northfield, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$1000.00

The Finance Committee do not recommend.

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money for the purpose of maintaining Town owned Cemeteries, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$2000.00

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00.

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money for the purpose of contracting for Street Sweeping within the Town of Northfield, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$2000.00

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money for the purpose of contracting for Road Marking within the Town of Northfield, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$4000.00

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, a sum or sums of money for the purpose of contracting for Cutter Bar services for grass mowing along the streets within the Town of Northfield, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Amount required: \$1000.00

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Assessors to use from available funds, any sum or sums of money for the purpose of reducing the tax levy for Fiscal Year '79, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the U. S. Post Office in Northfield, the Dickinson Library, the Field Library, Northfield Farms, and the 'Barnes' Service Station, West Northfield, in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy eight.

SELECTMEN OF NORTHFIELD

Edward I. Metcalf, Chairman
Fernand A. Caron
Carolyn B. Parenteau

A True copy ATTEST:

CONSTABLE

Joseph G. Morgan

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